IT'S LIKE A MIRACLE THEY'RE EVEN PLAYING.
WELL, THEY'RE ROOKIES.
DAMN, WHAT A TERRIBLE GAME.
LEGENDARY FIFTH ROOKIES GROUP

MASANORI MORITA

I really wish people would stop tossing empty cans and bottles on the street. Can't they like, raise the circulation price by 10 yen, and then give that money back when they return the empty bottles? I've seen places with collection boxes, so I know it can be done. If everyone had a box like that when I was little, I would have gladly collected them for change... I wish our country would get serious.

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登場人物紹介（とうじょうじんぶつしょうかい）

ANIYA
安仁屋

KAWATŌ KŌICHI
川藤幸一

SHINJYŌ
新庄

YAGI TŌKO
八木塔子

MIKOSHIBA
御子柴

The Story Thus Far:

New teacher Kawato has accepted his mission to reform the currently-suspended baseball team. He scraps together nine members in time for their practice game against Yoga Daiichi High. The game begins, with only Shinjo absent. Aniya takes the lead with his powerful fastball and home run. But in the 3rd, signs of fatigue are already plaguing him. And with chaos in the field, they let the lead slip away. Kawato decides to make a pitching change. He will help them win by preserving Aniya. As it happens, Aniya threw 200 pitches the day before, and in a chance meeting with the school principal, promised him they would win the game to protect the team. When he learns about this, Wakana tries to do his part with a gutsy head-first slide. Down seven runs, the Futakotamaga 7th begins with a plucky attack. The opposing pitcher collides with Hiyama and injures his foot. Kawato is enraged by the other coach's cold attitude toward his player. And when his own players' dreams are insulted, Kawato uses his fists. The game could have been forfeited, but the umpire decides to let it continue.

WAKANA
若菜

YUFUNE
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IMAOKA
今岡

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PITCHING CHANGE MEANS...

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THE GAME'S STILL ON!!

WH...

HA... HAHA...

KUNIMA-TSU-SAN.

WHAT?! HE HIT ME, BLUE!

IS TH' ASSOCIATION GONNA STAN' FER THIS?! THERE AIN'T NO SPORTSMANSHIP IN THAT! YOU BETTA FORFEIT THIS GAME!

DON'T YOU THINK THERE ARE MORE PRESSING MATTERS ABOUT YOURSELF THAT SHOULD BE CORRECTED BEFORE YOU START LAUGHING AT OTHERS?

BASED ON THE TREATMENT OF YOUR PLAYERS, I WOULD NOT SPEAK OF SPORTSMANSHIP IF I WERE YOU.

...

BUT...

...

ZAWA

ZAWA

HE CAN SEE WHAT'S GOIN' ON.

THAT LIMP AIN'T HALF BAD.

MAN... KAWATO AIN'T BAD ...

NO, HE'S JUST *CRAZY* AS HELL...

THEY'RE GONNA KEEP GOING?

ZAWA

BUT HE *PUNCHED* HIM...

ZAWA

I GUESS HE DOESN'T GET TO JOIN IN THE GROUP

EVEN THOUGH HE'S ON THE SAME TEAM.

WHOA, IS THAT SHINJO?

YEAH, HE'S NOT PLAYING IN THE GAME

WHAT'S HE DOING, JUST STANDING THERE ?

LOOK, HE'S IN REFLECTION MODE!!

I AM FEELING EXTREMELY REGRETFUL RIGHT NOW

IT WAS PATHETIC! I AM MORTIFIED BY MY UTTER LACK OF SENSE AND SELF-CONTROL! I'M NOT FIT TO BE A TEACHER! I'M JUST A BIG FAT IDIOT!!
RIGHT AFTER SWEARING I WOULD NEVER DO ANYTHING CARELESS, I COMMITTED ABOUT THE SINGLE STUPIDEST THING I COULD POSSIBLY HAVE DONE IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES!

PLAY BALL!

...
HELL YEAH YOU ARE!!
STAY LIKE THAT FOREVER!
WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU THINKING?!

SHUTUP
HA HA HA! HIYAMA! I'M GONNA BRING YOU IN, RIGHT NOW!
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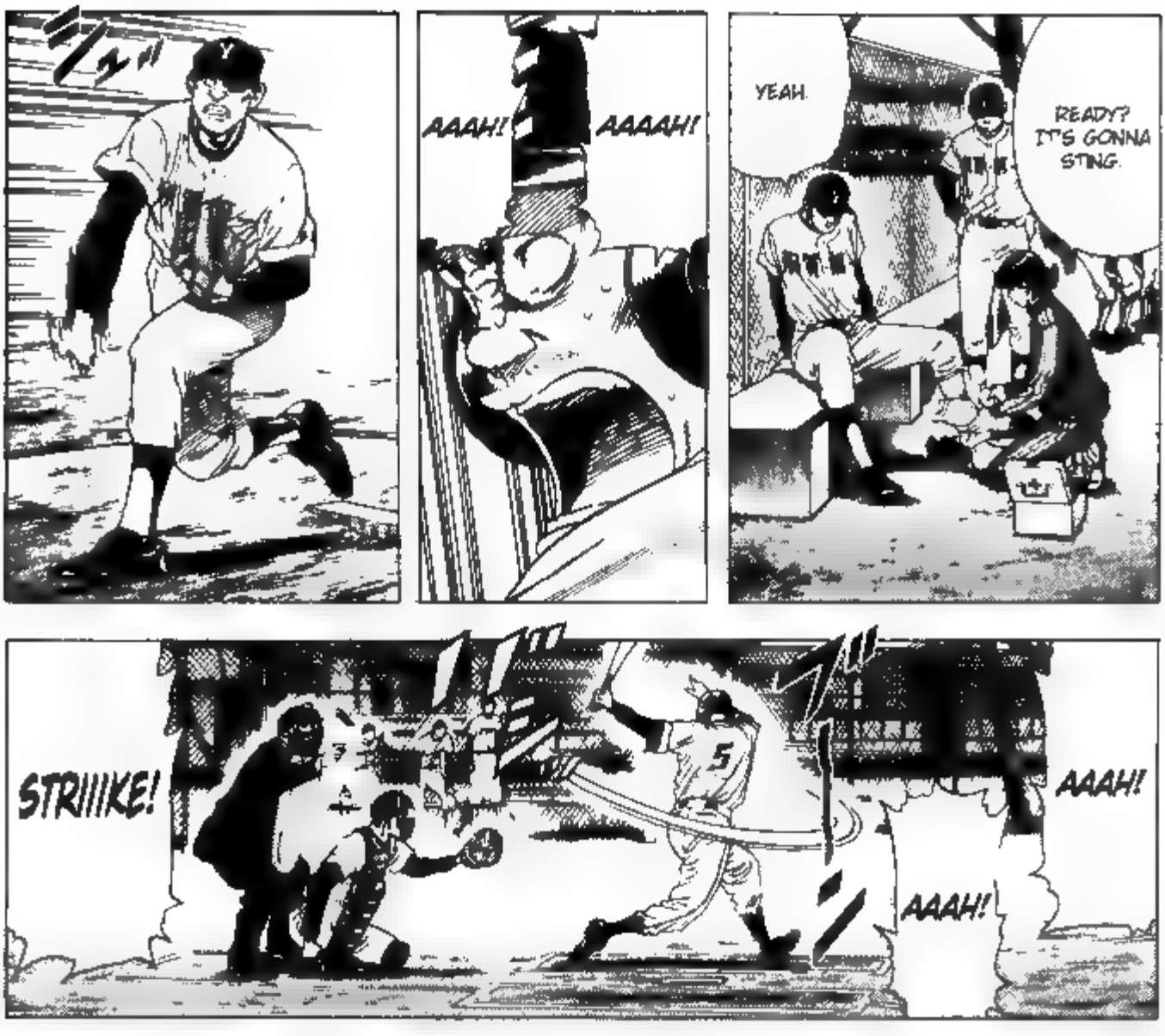
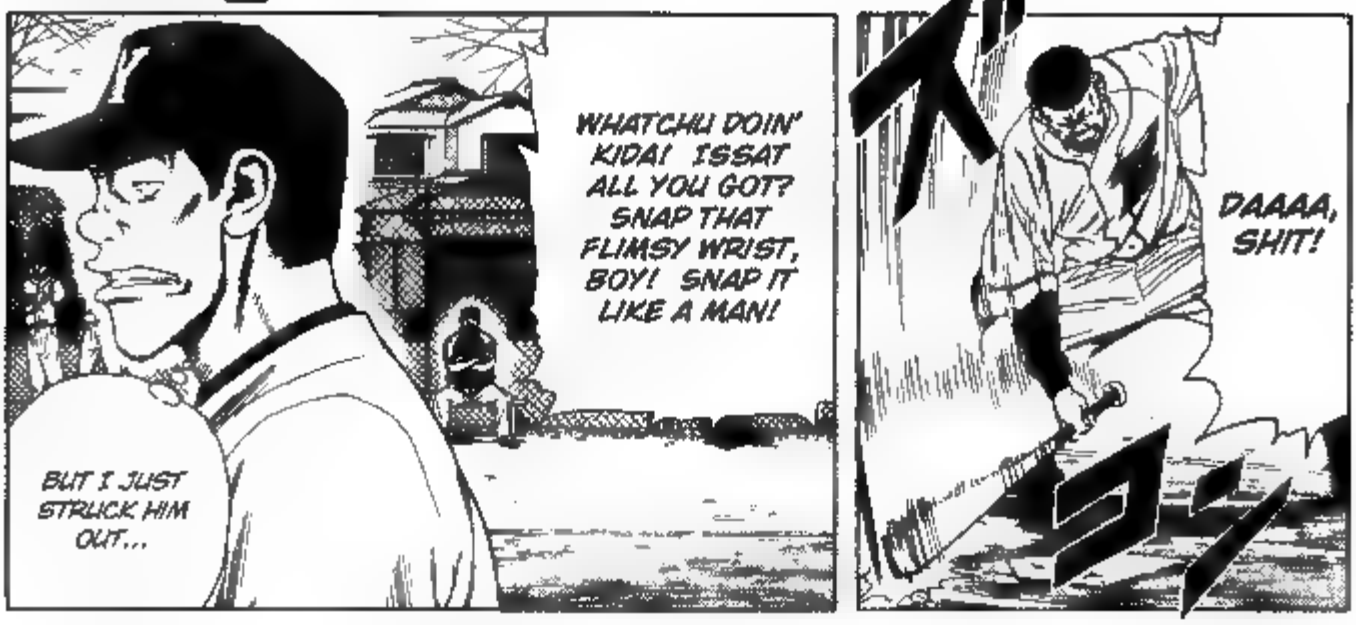

AAAH!
AAAAH!
YEAH.
READY? IT'S GONNA STING.
STRIIIKE!
AAAH!
AAAH!
THIS PITCHER AIN'T TOUGH. HIS FASTBALL ISN'T EVEN FAST. YOU CAN HIT IT
JUST TAKE IT ONE RUN AT A TIME
WITH THREE INNINGS WE CAN MAKE UP SEVEN RUNS.
ONE OUT, RUNNER ON FIRST IT STARTS WITH OKADA.
LOOK, WE CAN'T RELY ON HIRATSUKA.

YEAH, BUT YOU POPPED UP AN INTENTIONAL BALL AND GOT OUT
SHUT UP! THIS SITUATION IS DIFFERENT.
STRIKE!
ONE RUN! IT ALL STARTS WITH ONE RUN.
AAH!
...
AND YUFUNE WILL KNOCK HIM IN.
YEAH. THAT'S WHY OKADA HAS TO MOVE THE RUNNER. WE'LL MAKE HIYAMA RUN.
STEEE-RIKE THREE!
AAAAAAH!
BATTER OUT!
DON'T WORRY. JUST KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL, SWING HARD AND IT'LL WORK OUT.
YOU GOT THAT, UNDERDOG?
DON'T CALL ME THAT!


WHATCHU DOIN' KIDA! ISSAT ALL YOU GOT? SNAP THAT FLIMSY WRIST, BOY! SNAP IT LIKE A MAN!
BUT I JUST STRUCK HIM OUT...
DAAAA, SHIT!

HEY.
HUH?

...

AIN'T HE?
OUR TEACHER'S PRETTY COOL.

N. NO WE AREN'T...
YOU GUYS MUST BE REAL PUSHOVERS BOWING AND SCRAPING TO THAT OLD FART.
...
I DUNNO HOW YOU GUYS SEE IT, BUT WE REALLY WANT TO WIN THIS GAME. YOU BETTER COME AFTER US WITH THE SAME INTENTIONS. YOU BETTER BE READY TO WIN
IF YOU DON'T LIKE BEING CHEWED OUT, MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T BE FREAKIN' OUT OVER PLAYING A BUNCH OF ROOKIES LIKE US.
PLAY BALL!
W... WE'RE NOT
OR AT LEAST I CAN.
WE CAN TELL WHEN YOU FUCK AROUND.

NEVER, EVER AGAIN .!
I'LL NEVER DO IT AGAIN ..!

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL..
DON'T WORRY, WE CAN CATCH UP.

FIRST, ONE RUN
JUST ONE RUN. .

LOOK HARD...
LOOK AT THE BALL!

HE'S RUNNING!

NICE BUNT, G!
WHOAAA, DID YOU SEE THAT?
DAMN, THAT WAS NICE!
AND PUT THE BAT DOWN.
HEH HEH.
WOO-HAH.

TWO OUTS!
LET'S GO, UNDER-DOG!
ALL RIGHT, RUNNER ON SECOND!
SHUT UP, DON'T CALL ME THAT!
WE GOT THIS RUN! IT'S IN THE BAG!
...
...
TWO OUTS!
DON'T SWING SO WIDE!
YOU CAN HIT IT IF YOU SEE THE BALL WELL!
STRIKE!

I GOTTA SCORE...
WE GOTTA GET THIS RUN.
SEE THE BALL...
YUFUNE ...
..

WE'RE BUSY.
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR SPORTS.
EVERY SINGLE DAY.

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GET OVER...

RUN FOR IT, RUN!
YEAH, IT BOUNCED OFF HIS GLOVE!
GOIN' INTO LEFT FIELD!
GO FOR IT! YOU BETTER MAKE IT!!
LOOK OUT, THE LEFT FIELDER'S PLAYING IN!

ONE RUN!
ONE RUN!

ONE RUN!
6

ONE RUNNN!

16th
SAFE!!
ネオ!!
METT

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AIN'T YOU NEVER LEARN'D HOW TA BLOCK THE PLATE?!
WHAT TH' HELL YOU CALL THAT, MIYAMOTO ?!
!
NICE PLAY
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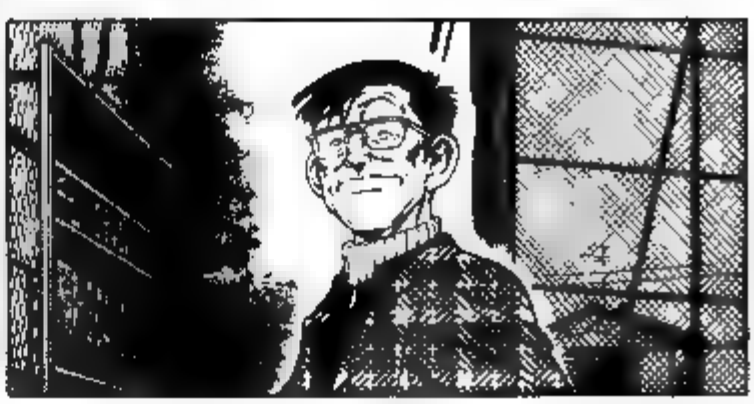
FINALLY, OUR 2ND RUN...

PLAYING BY THE BOOK
AND THOSE BOYS EARNED IT FAIR AND SQUARE...

AAGK!



I... I DIDN'T MEAN TO
AH. OH CRAP

IMAO-KAAA!
...
DAMN, RIGHT ON THE ASS!
DEAD BALL!

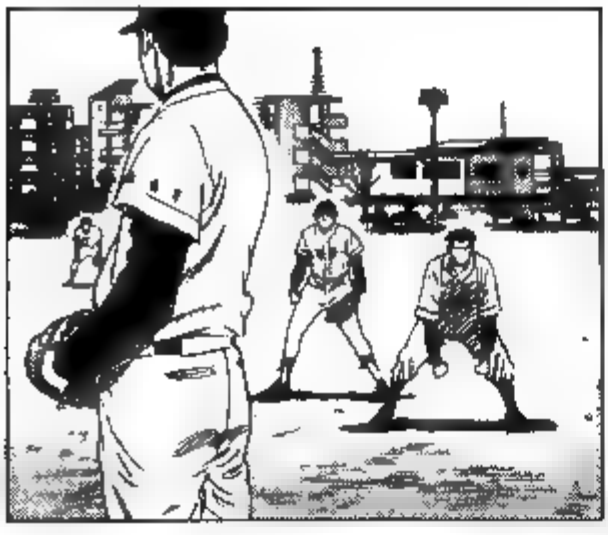
WH .. WHAT THE..
YES IT DOES!
SUCK IT UP! IT DON'T HURT!
WAY TO GO! RUNNERS ON FIRST AND SECOND NOW!

I'M THE MIRACLE WORKER HERE.

YOU KNOW WHAT A BIG CHANCE THIS IS FOR US!
ALL RIGHT, SEKIKAWA. FIRST AND SECOND, TWO OUTS.
DON'T WORRY

WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S WRONG, YAGI?
...

I FEEL... EXCITED ...
I DON'T GET IT
STRIII-KE!
FOR SOME REASON I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND
WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT MIRACLE, HUH?!
C'MON, MAN!
AACK!
STRIKE!
SHIT...



WE WON'T GET ANOTHER CHANCE LIKE THIS . .
7TH INNING, TWO OUTS, MEN ON FIRST AND SECOND...

DON'T THINK ABOUT IT.
JUST SWING!

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HIT IT!

AS LONG AS YOU MAKE CONTACT...

THAT'S A PASSED THIRD STRIKE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! RUN!
WHAT?!
YEAH, IT GOT BY HIM!
...
...
...

BASES LOADED !!
HOLY CRAP, HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?!
NO WAY!

HUH?!

IT'S... GOING OUR WAY...

MIKO-SHIBA ...!

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ZAWA

ZAWA

ZAWA

ドドド

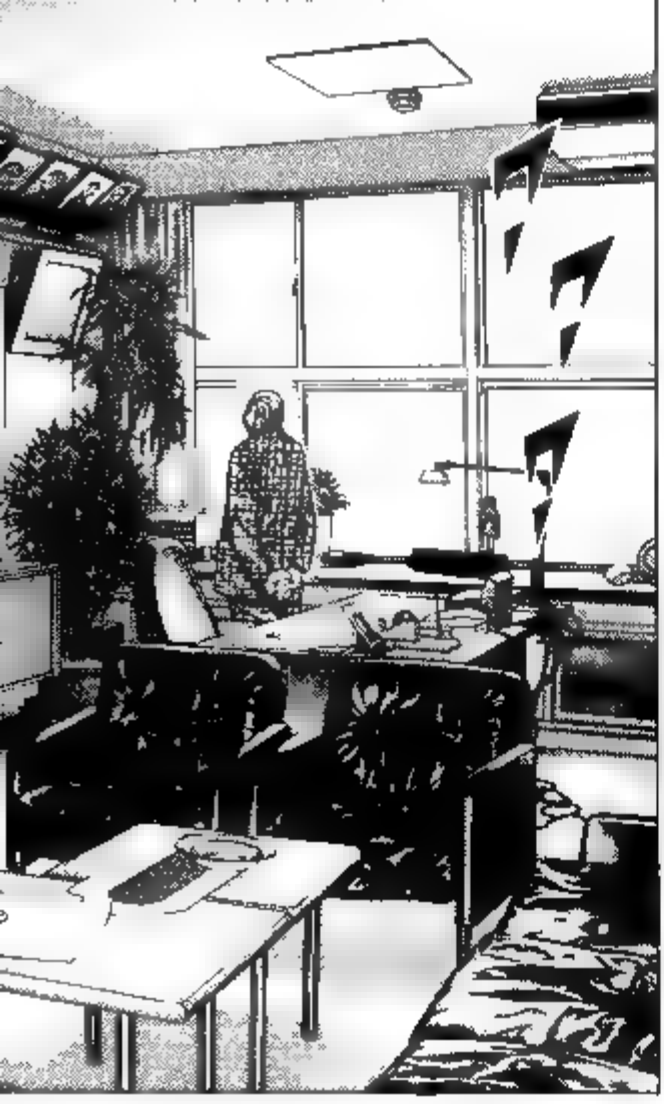
STRIIIKE!
OH DAMN... MY HEAD IS TOTALLY BLANK...
KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL, DAMMIT!
YOU CAN HIT IT!
IT'S EASY!
HUH ?!
MIKO-SHIBA!

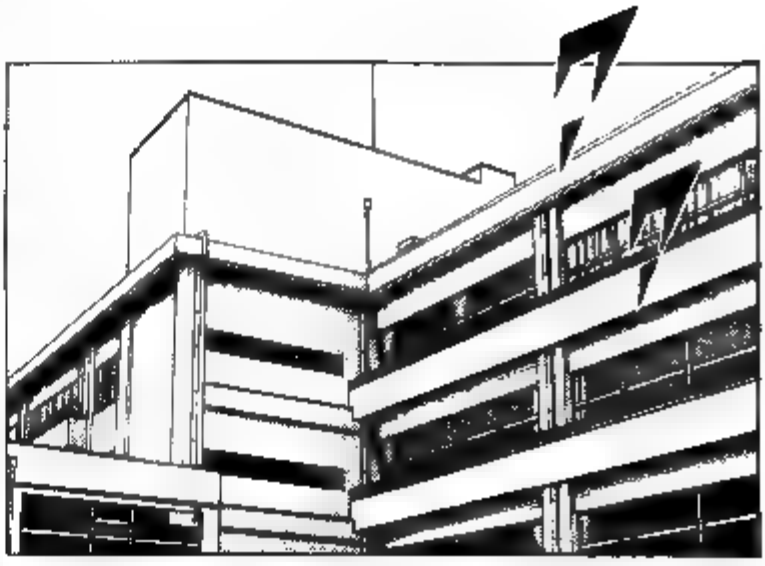
SHEESHooo
YEAHooo
IT'S SO SIMPLE...
WHAT I SAID EARLIER
THAT'S JUST ..
EYE ON THE BALL...
THAT'S ALL I NEED TO DO.
IN OTHER WORDS, WITH A UNITED SPIRIT, NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE!
THEIR EMOTIONS!
THEIR CONCENTRATION!
...ALL OF THEIR THOUGHTS ARE GOING INTO THIS GAME,
THEIR DETERMINATION IS TURNING THE GAME AROUND
HUH?!

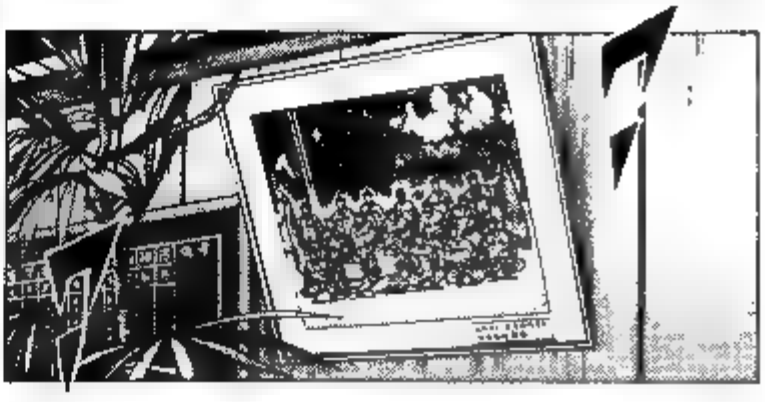
DODGE, YOU IDIOT...!
OH... MY ASS.

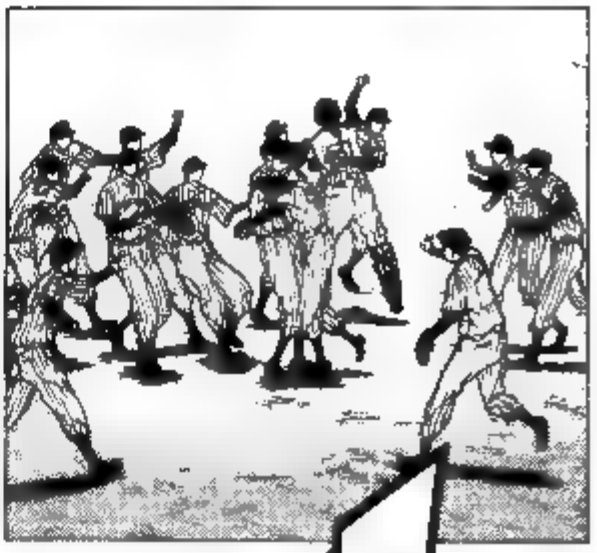
THROUGH THE INFIELD AGAIN!!
BASE HIT!
6
1
ANOTHER RUN!
STOP CELEBRATING! HITS AREN'T EVERYTHING THERE IS IN LIFE!

ME...
A... A CLUTCH HIT
CLU...
WHO'S UP NEXT?!
BASES LOADED AGAIN!
HOLY SHIT!









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WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON DOWN THERE?!
THAT'S THEIR FOURTH RUN THIS INNING!!
WHOAAA! THEIR FOURTH RUN!

I
I DON'T BELIEVE IT

SO IT'S 8-5, ONLY DOWN THREE RUNS.
FIVE STRAIGHT RUNNERS AND FOUR RUNS, ALL WITH TWO OUT'S IN THE 7TH INNING

WITH THE BATTER.
AND NOW THERE ARE RUNNERS ON FIRST AND THIRD ...

I AIN'T NEVER BEEN SO DISGUSTID!

HIT A HOME-RUN!
ANI-YAAAA!
A GAME-TYING 3-RUN BOMB!
YOU BETTER HIT A HOMER, MAN!

BUT HE SWUNG AT THE PITCHOUTS EARLIER.
JUST WALK HIM. WE'LL BE BETTER OFF WITH THE BASES LOADED.
KUNIMATSU WOULD WANT US TO WALK HIM.

IT'S RIDICK'LOUS! SCREW IT!
I CAN'T B'LIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING AGAINST THOSE BUMS!

...

PITCH TO HIM, OR WALK HIM. JUST DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO
DON'T WORRY ABOUT KUNIMATSU ANYMORE

SUMI...
KIDA.
GOT A MESSAGE?

THE COACH ISN'T GONNA GIVE US ANYMORE ORDERS IN THIS GAME. WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE NOW

WE'RE NOT BEING FORCED TO DO THIS.

REMEMBER WHAT THEIR TEACHER SAID? WE'RE PLAYING BASEBALL FOR OURSELVES.

HUH?!

LOOK, NOBODY'S GONNA COMPLAIN IF YOU GET HIT

A... ALL RIGHT.

EVEN THAT ANIYA GUY IS THE SAME GRADE AS US. NOTHIN' TO BE AFRAID OF

SUMI...

...

NAH... WATCH, THEY'LL WALK HIM.

DUDE, IT'S ANIYA. YOU KNOW HE COULD DO IT.

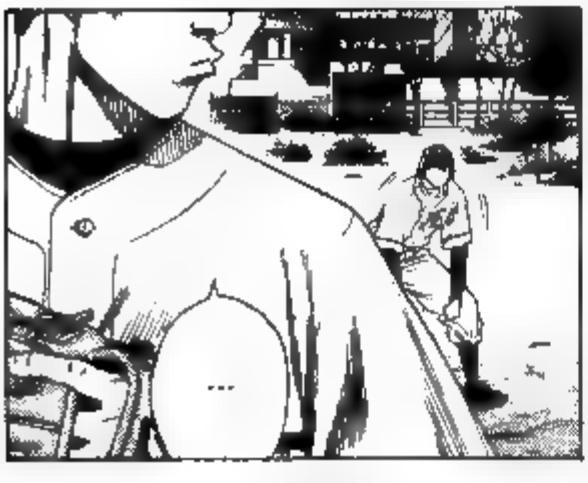
HOME RUN AND IT'LL ALL BE TIED.

DAMN, SERIOUSLY?

ZAWA

ZAWA

PLAY BALL!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THE CATCHER'S SITTING DOWN... THAT MEANS ..

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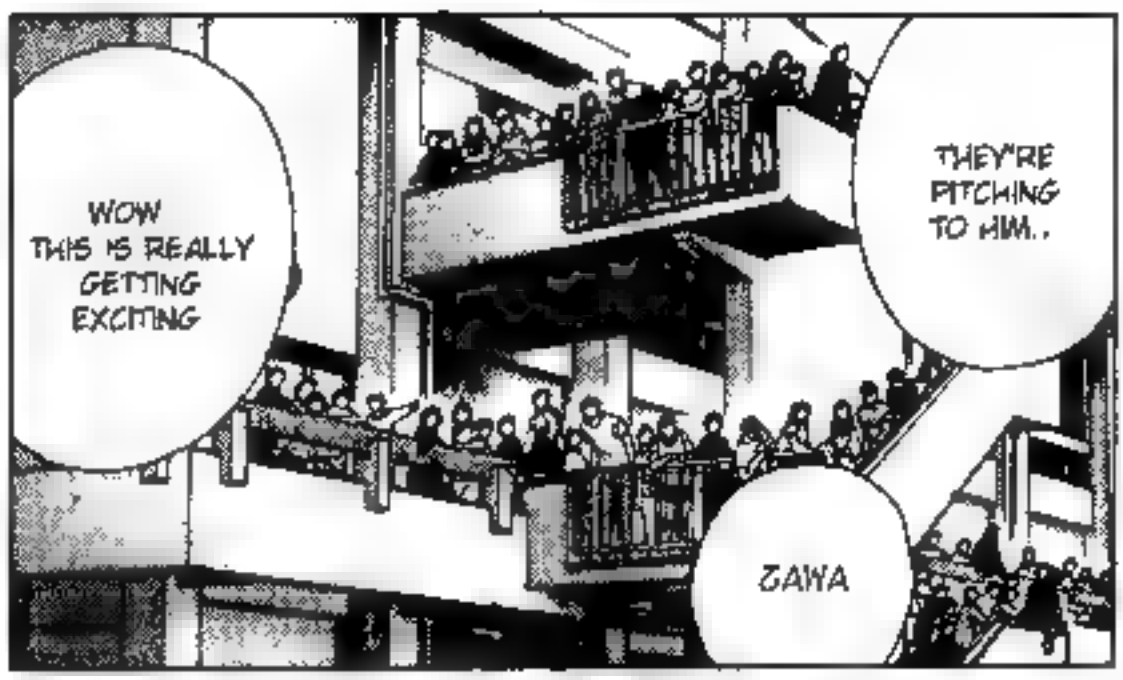
WOW
THIS IS REALLY
GETTING
EXCITING
THEY'RE
PITCHING
TO HIM..
ZAWA

...
CAN'T THEY TELL THIS
IS WHERE YOU WALK
THE MAN? BUNCH OF
DUNCES ON THIS
TEAM.
THE FOOL !
I CAN SEE IT NOW
THREE-RUN BOMB,
TIE GAME.

HMPH.

STRIIIKE!

HEH.
HEHEH.

UH. .
UH-OH

HE COULDN'T SWING AT IT
THAT WAS RIGHT ON THE OUT-SIDE CORNER.

W... WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?
AIN'T HE GONNA HIT IT?

KEI-CHAN...
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP

YOU KNOW THE STAKES!! THREE-RUN HOMER!
ANIYAAA!

I KNOW HE'S THE BIG-SHOT HERE, BUT I BET HE'S STILL NERVOUS INSIDE...
THIS IS PRETTY MUCH OUR LAST CHANCE TO TIE IT UP WITH ONE SHOT

YOU'RE THE MAN NOW!!
ANIYAAAA! HIT A HOME RUN!

PLEASE... STOP SAYING THAT...!
HOME RUN!
HOME RUN!

WHOAAA!

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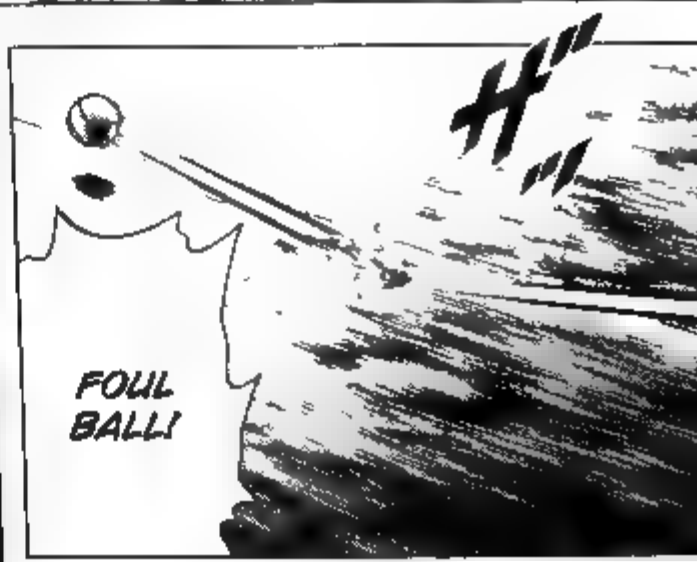
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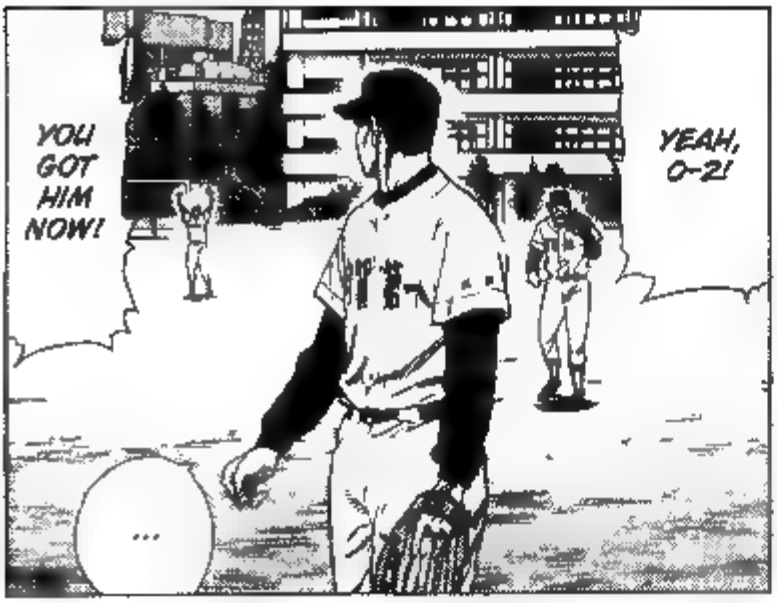
YOU GOT HIM NOW!
YEAH, 0-2!
...

...
HOME RUN
1
H. HEY

YEAH.

KEI-CHAN ...

ALL TRUE SHOWDOWNS REQUIRE A PRECISE LEVEL OF TENSION.
HUH?

WHEWWW.

N... NO.

...
IS HE THE TYPE WHO GETS CRUSHED BY THE PRESSURE?

TIE THIS BABY UP!
FUCK THAT GUY...

WAIT...
ANI-YAAAAA! THREE-RUN HOMER, IT'S ALL YOU!

HE'LL THROW ONE OUT...
A PASSED THIRD STRIKE!
AHA. I'VE GOT IT!
I KNOW WHAT HIS PLAN IS.
HUH ?!

WH...
PASSED THIRD
11"

IT'S...

W...
WHOA.

IT'S GONE !!
HE REALLY HIT A HOME RUN!!
TIE FREA-KIN' GAME !!
TIE GAME!

YEAAH! ANI-YAAAA !!
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HELL YEAH!

WE CAN WIN THIS GAME!

WE CAN DO THIS!

YEAA-AH!

IT'S OURS NOW!!

TENSION? YOU THINK I WAS NERVOUS ?!

MOST IMPRESSIVE! THROUGH ALL OF THAT TENSION, YOU STILL..

HA HA HA! ANIYA, YOU RASCAL!

LEMME GO! I OUGHTA KILL YOU!

WHAT ARE YOU APOLOGIZING FOR? YOU'RE PITCHING FINE.

THAT'S RIGHT THE GAME'S NOT OVER YET

LIKE MY PASSED BALL.

THEY'RE JUST GETTING A STRING OF LUCKY FLUKES.

I. I'M SORRY, GUYS

THIS GAME'S OVER.

KEH LOSERS.

WE'RE BACK ON EQUAL GROUND, THAT'S ALL. WE CAN JUMP AHEAD AGAIN.

WE'LL SCORE SOME RUNS NEXT INNING

Y. YEAH.

.....

IS THIS THE SAME BASEBALL TEAM...?

ZAWA

WOW, I ALMOST FEEL. MOVED!

ZAWA

ZAWA

I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY ACTUALLY CAUGHT UP.

IS THIS CRAZY OR WHAT?

BATTER OUT!

6

STRIIIKE!

HM?
HEY, SENSEI, LET'S SWITCH PITCHERS! NEXT UP IS ME, RIGHT?!

GO AND SHUT 'EM DOWN, YUFUNE.
OH YES, PITCHING CHANGE!

LET'S GO, GUYS!
WHY DIDN'T YOU GET AROUND TO ME?! I WAS GONNA BLAST A SHOT INTO THE PARKING LOT TO FINISH UP!
SHUT UP, BITCH.

PLAY BALL!

YAA-AHHH!

THE CLOSER MAKES HIS APPEARANCE!
HA HA HA! FINALLY, IT'S MY TURN!
SHUT UP AND PITCH!

.....

BALL

NOT AGAIN!

FOUR!

.....

WHAT'S HE DOING? WE JUST GOT OUR MOMENTUM GOING, AND NOW HE'S FUCKING IT UP!

TAKE HIM OUT!

WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON?!

THE BASES ARE LOADED ON THREE STRAIGHT WALKS!

AAAH!

SHIT, DUDE!

.....

DEAD BALL, TAKE YOUR BASE!

DAMN, NOW IT'S 9-8! THEY'RE LEADING AGAIN!

NOOO, HE WALKED IN A RUN!

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!

I'LL GO!
REALLY?
YEAH, ME TOO!
AREN'T YOU SCARED?

WHAT?
HEY, LET'S GO ON DOWN THERE.
YEAH, LET'S GO ROOT 'EM ON RIGHT THERE.

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LET UP A SINGLE RUN.
I'M NOT THE GUY FOR THIS.

SWITCH ME OUT!
I CAN'T DO IT, WAKANA!

PITCHING SUBSTI-TUTION!

ANIYA!

I'M GONNA BREAK ONE OF THEM ALUMINUM BATS IN HALF.

ALL RIGHT, BACK TO THE GAME!

.....

SLEPT SO LONG, I PRACTICALLY HAD A WET DREAM.

A... ANIYA-AAA.

YES.

I SEE. SO ANIYA STARTED THE GAME.

WHAT?

.....

THROWING LONG REQUIRES YOU TO USE YOUR ENTIRE BODY, SO THE MORE YOU REPEAT IT, THE BETTER YOUR FORM GETS, ENTIRELY NATURALLY. IT'S A GREAT PLATFORM TO SWITCH TO PITCHER FROM...

ANIYA WAS ORIGINALLY AN OUTFIELDER, SO HE HAS A STRONG SHOULDER FROM THROWING LONG.

ジャ!

TSH. LIKE THAT MATTERS A SHIT TO ME.

I KNOW YOU SPLIT IT.

JUST DON'T TELL YAGI ABOUT IT.

IS YOUR NAIL ALL RIGHT?

NAIL?

NOT GOIN' OUT, BUT I AM GONNA HIT IT.

YOU HITTIN' THAT?

ARE YOU GOIN' OUT WITH TOKO-CHAN?

HELL YEAH.

YOU GOT THAT?

WE'RE GOIN' ALL STRIKE-OUTS.

HA HA HA! I'LL TELL YOU WHEN WE DO IT

SHIT, DIE.

WHEN THEY DID START WATCHING..?

HUH?

WHOA...

WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

W... WHY NOT?! WHO CARES!

HEY! WHAT THE FUCK! DON'T WATCH US!

HA HA HA! YEAH, I GET IT NOW!

WHOA... MY ADORING FANS ARE HERE.

KEEP GOING, ANIYA-KUN! DO SOME-THING COOL!

YEAH, YOU BETTER NOT LOSE NOW!

W... WHAT?!

YOU GOTTA PLAY BETTER THAN THAT!

WE CAME OUT CAUSE YOU LOSERS LET THEM GET AHEAD AFTER YOU CAUGHT UP!

DO WHATEVER, JUST WIN THIS GAME!!

SCORE SOME RUNS LIKE YOU DID LAST TIME!

ANIYA-KUU-UN!

YOU GUYS BETTER WIN!

COOL ?

DIE, HIRA-TSUKA-AA!

GOOD LUCK, NIKOSHIBA-KUN!

THEY'RE HERE .. FOR THE BASEBALL TEAM...?

C .. CAN THIS BE...

.....

GRR...

HEHE, ALL RIGHT

HA HA HA! ALL RIGHT GUYS, YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE NOW! WIN IF IT KILLS YA!

ANIYA-AA!

PLAY BALL!

ANIYA-KLIN!

STRIKE 'EM OUT, ANIYA!

WHOA AAA!

THAT WAS SO FAST!

STRIIIKE!

WHOA!

SHUT UP, DAMMIT...

SHUT UP...

I WANT YOU TO TRUST ME SO I'M TRUSTING YOU

FOR ME...IN THEIR CIRCLE.

THERE AIN'T NO ROOM...

STRIIIKE!

BATTER OUT!

HELL YEAH.

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ANIYA-KUUUN!

ONE OUT!

WHOAAA, ANIYA'S AWESOME!

.....

YEP... HE SURE IS FAST...

HIS WEIGHT-SHIFT FROM THE BACKSWING TO THE STEP IS FABULOUS ..

AND HIS EXCELLENT ARM MOVEMENT AND FOLLOW-THROUGH...

HIS WAIST AND LEGS SHIFT BALANCE PERFECTLY, WHICH GIVES THE BALL SPEED...

HE'S THE REAL DEAL...

WHAT ?

UH... NOTHING...

.....

LEARN A BREAKING BALL OR TWO, AND HE'LL BE UNSTOPPABLE..

.....

HEY, YOU GREEDY ASS! ARE STRIKEOUTS ALL THAT MATTERS IN YOUR LIFE?! I'LL KILL YOU!

I CAN DO THIS. JUST 5 MORE OUTS...

DAMN!

AH-

D...
DOWN THE
MIDDLE...!

YIKES!

A
POP-UP!

GET
BACK,
HIRA-
TSUKA!

ACK.

HE HASN'T MOVED AT ALL!

MMM?

CRAP.
.....
OUT!
CHANGE SIDES!

.....
WHOAAAA, DOUBLE PLAY!

HAHAHA HAAAA! WITH THAT MOMENTUM, I'MA STEP UP AND TIE THIS GAME!

SHUT UP AND GET IN THE BATTER'S BOX!

STEEE-RIKE!

AA-AAH!

HAHAHAHAHAHAAAAA! YOU SAW THAT? I COULD SENSE THE POP-UP COMING AND STOOD MY GROUND! THE HIRATSUKA SPECIAL, #2: KEEP THA BASE!

AND IN THIS CASE, IT WAS HIT HIGH ENOUGH TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE THIRD-BASE RUNNER TO RETURN IF THERE HADN'T BEEN ANYONE COVERING

HEH HEH. POP-UPS ARE A COMMON OCCURRENCE WITH REAL FASTBALLS THAT SPEED UP CLOSE TO THE BATTER.

HAHA..

HUH?

U-UMMM. IF I MAY BE SO BOLD. YOU SEEM TO KNOW QUITE A BIT ABOUT THE SPORT, SIR..

.....

HEHEHEH. COINCIDENCE OR NOT, IT WAS A GOOD THING HIRATSUKA WAS ON TOP OF THAT BASE.

I... I HIT THE BALL!

TOKO-CHA...

LOOK OUT!

!

HIT!

HUMPHH.

OOOH, HAVEN'T DONE THAT IN A WHILE.

HE CAU-GHT IT!

WHOA AAAA!

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ドガ

MR. VICE...

WHA ...

..WHA..

I EVEN STRUCK TWO HITS IN THE KOSHIEN.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, I SPENT THREE ERROR-LESS YEARS AS A SECONDBASE-MAN.

YOU WHAT ?!

OKADA-KUULIN!

GO, OKADA, GO!

YOU BETTER GET ON BASE, ASSHOLE!

STRIKE THREE!

IYAY!

BATTER OUT!

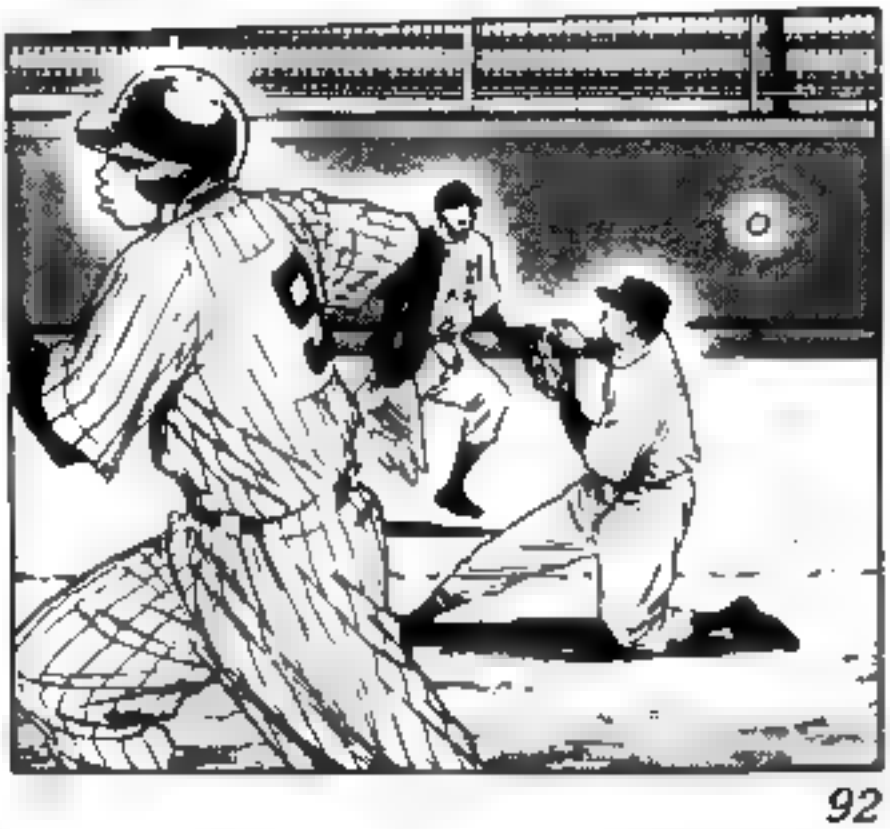
THAT WAS BEFORE IT WAS EVEN A CO-ED SCHOOL .. THE SPRING I BECAME A 2ND YEAR STUDENT...

NIKOGAKU BACK THEN...

NOW I SEE...

YOU PLAYED BASEBALL HERE, 43 YEARS AGO. .

WAS A BRILLIANT, SHINING PLACE.



DESPITE THE REMARKABLE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AT OUR DOORSTEP, WE WERE POOR..
IT WAS IN THE DAYS JUST AFTER THE "POST-WAR" PERIOD...

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IT WAS A PRIDE WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST HINT OF DISGRACE.
THE BASEBALL TEAM WAS THE PRIDE OF OUR SCHOOL. .

TYING RUN IS ON BASE!

オオオオ

YEAHHH, BASE HIT!

NICE ONE, DUDE!

キャッ

OKADA-KUUUN!

WHAT? GOD, SHUT UP.

OKADA AAA!

I DON'T WANNA HEAR ANY OF YOU SAY "UNDER-DOG" AGAIN!

HOME RUN, HOME RUN!

COME ON, UNDER-DOG!

WE CAN DO IT!

WE CAN DO THIS!

.....

BUT LOOK AT THEM NOW.

IT MIGHT HAVE CHANGED TEMPORARILY.

MM?

MR. VICE PRINCIPAL.. DO YOU THINK THE BASEBALL TEAM HAS CHANGED?

GO, YUFUNE!

YUFUNE EEEE!

GO, UNDERDOG, GO!

YUFUNEEE!

TAKE THE LEAD!

YOU GOTTA HIT IT!

YUFUNE-KUN!

YU-FUNE-KUUN!

HAHA..

YUFUNE-EEE!

WH.. WHAT'S WITH THESE PEOPLE ..?

YUFUNE!

YUFUNE!

YUFUNE!

YUFUNE!

YUFUNE!

JUST ONE MORE PUSH.

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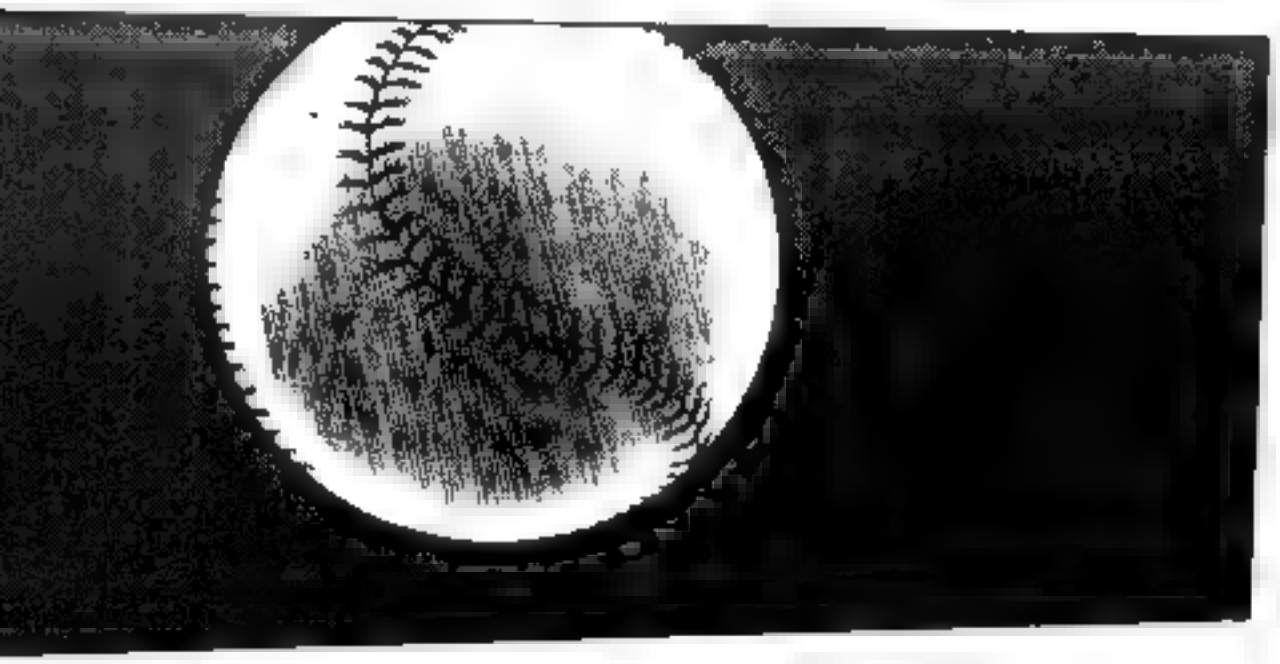
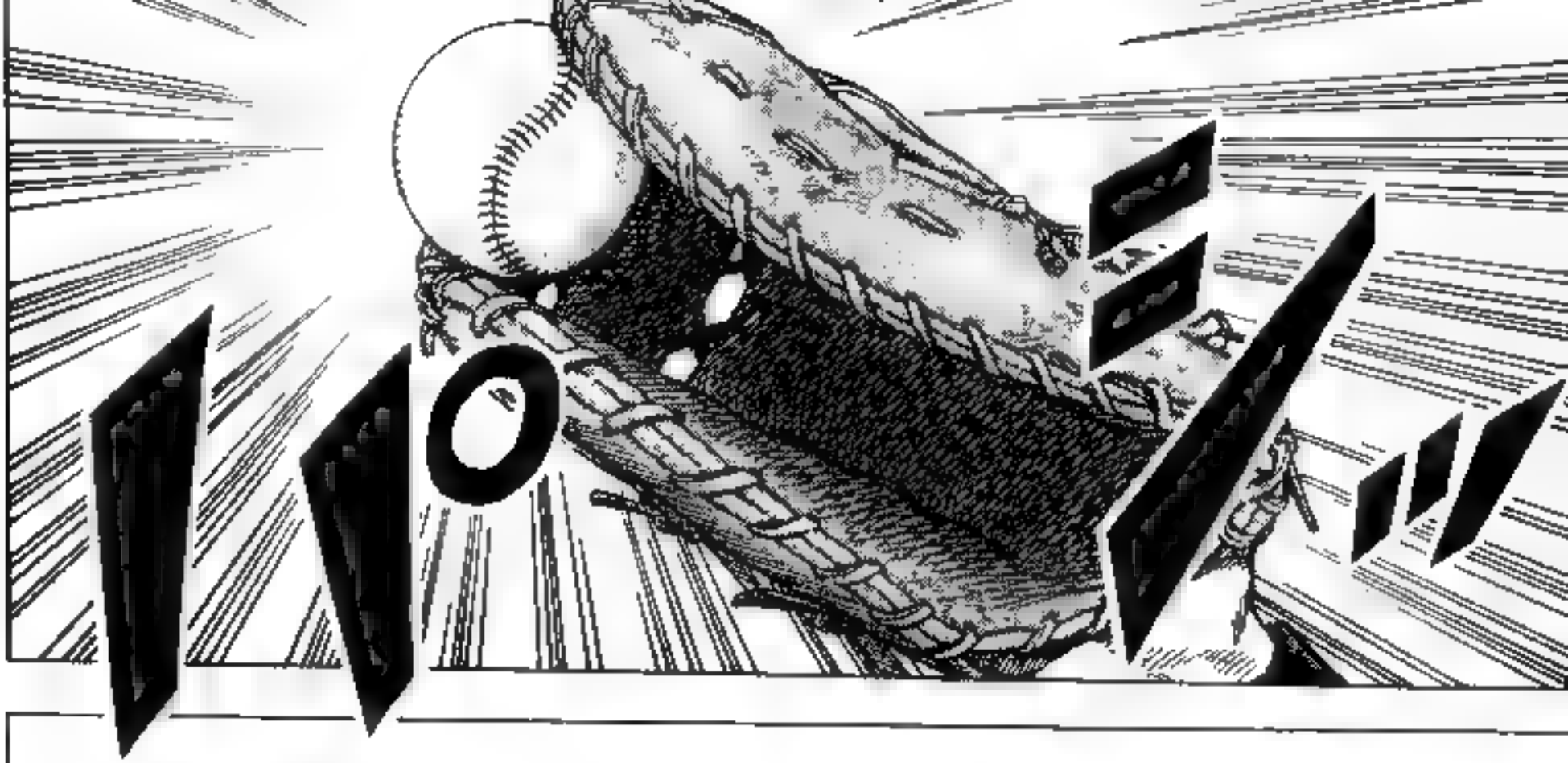
THEIR ERA IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.



WHOA
AAA!


NOW!!

OUU-
UUT!
THREE
OUTS!

AAAH!

STILL, THAT WAS GOOD! IF IT GOT THROUGH, IT'D BE FIRST AND THIRD.

OR MAYBE EVEN TIED THE SCORE.

DOUBLE PLAY ..

AWWW-WW...

SO CLOSE..

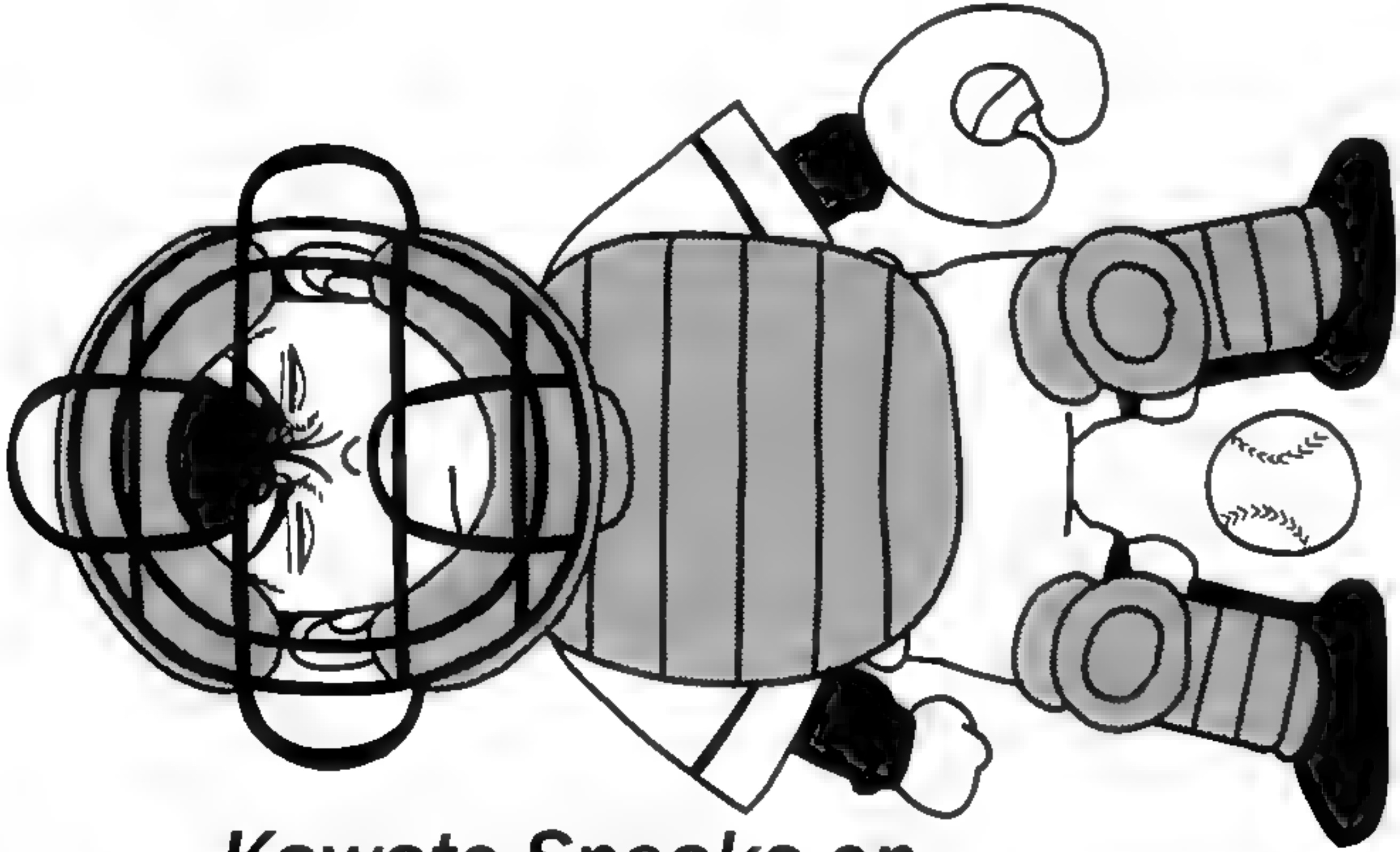
ALL RIGHT, GUYS.

.....

WE CAN WIN THIS GAME!

WE CAN STILL MAKE IT!

LET'S GO!



Kawato Speaks on "Dreams and Glory"

STRIIIKE!

YEAAH, ONE OUT!

BATTER OUT!

AWESOME, ANIYA!

I MUST SAY..

YES.

IT APPEARS AS IF WE'LL HEAD INTO THE BOTTOM OF THE 9TH WITH A ONE-RUN GAME.

HAVE DONE MAGNIFICENTLY TO MAKE IT THIS FAR..

THOSE BOYS..

GO, DUDE, GO!

ANIYA AAA!

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YOGA DAISHI	0	0	4	0	2	2	0	1						
YUTH KOTHMA-GAWA	0	1	0	0	0	0	7	0						

WHAT A GAME IT HAS BEEN...

AND MOST OF ALL..

YEAAAH! TWO OUTS!

THEY'LL NEVER HIT IT!

STRIKE THREE!

BATTER OUT!

KYAHA HAHA!

.....

QUIT LAUGHING !!

.....

BA-BUMP BA-BUMP

SHUT UP!

GYAHA HAHA! YOU AIN'T GETTIN' NOTHING IN THE FIELD!

STOP GETTIN' NERVOUS, YUFUNEEE!

IS NOW GONE...

THE WALL THAT SEPARATED THE BASEBALL TEAM FROM THE REST OF THE SCHOOL..

THAT COLD, HARD WALL..

THEY HAVE SPROUTED A BUD OF COMRADERY WITH THE REST OF THE SCHOOL.

BEFORE, THE TEAM WAS NOTHING BUT A SPECTRE OF FEAR AMONG THE STUDENTS.

AND LOOK AT IT NOW.

IT WAS SO SIMPLE TO TEAR DOWN THAT WALL.

SEE WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT IT MAKES...

EVEN IF THEY SHOULD LOSE...

.....

VICE PRINCIPAL...

KAWATO-KUN.

I MEAN, THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO.

BUT THEY WON'T LOSE!

THEY DID IT TO WIN .. THEY DID IT FOR THE SAKE OF THEIR DREAMS.

THEY DIDN'T MAKE ALL THIS EFFORT JUST SO THAT THE OTHERS WOULD UNDERSTAND THEM.

THEY *WILL* WIN THIS *GAME!!*

SO IF THEY *DON'T* WIN, IT WILL HAVE BEEN FOR NOTHING!

ALL RIGHT GUYS. LAST CHANCE.

STRIIIKE! BATTER OUT!

.....

HUH..?

I. I'M NOT NERVOUS..
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WE'RE LOSING BY A RUN!
OH COME ON, GUYS. DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE ACTUALLY FREAKIN' OUT 'CAUSE IT'S THE LAST INNING.

HUH?
ALL RIGHT, BOYS. MAKE A CIRCLE

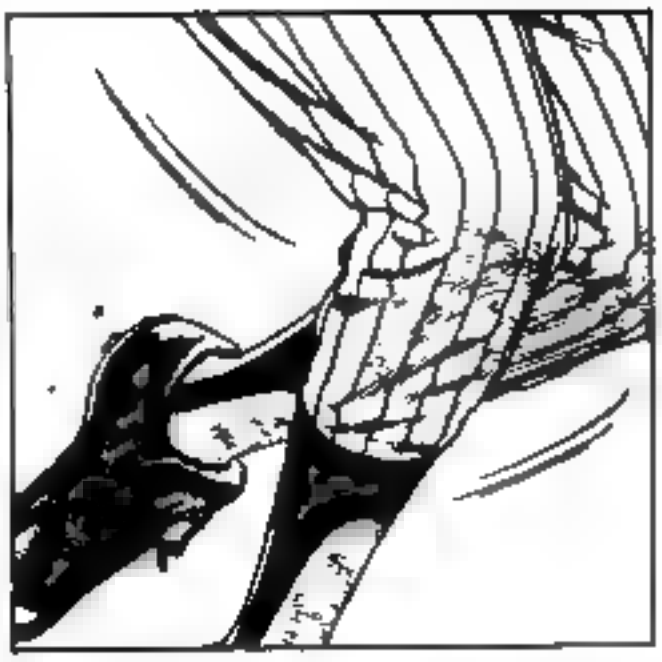
SENSEI..

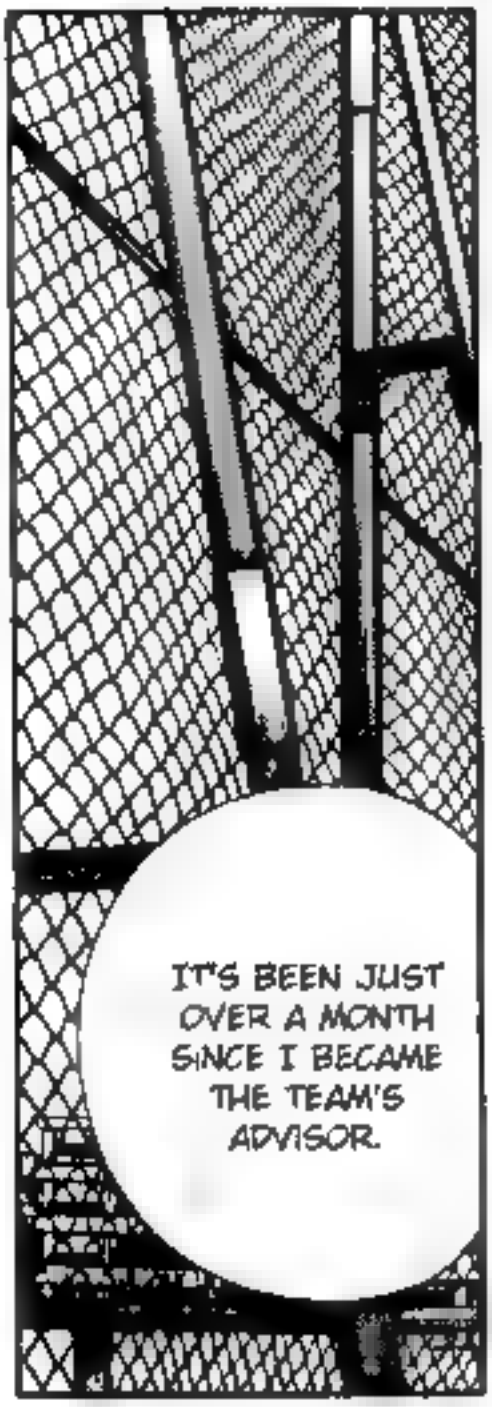
.....

YOUR LEGS WENT NUMB!

AAAAAH! WHAT A LAME-ASS!

WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!





THE GRANDEUR OF TEAM-PLAY...

THE ONE-FOR-ALL MINDSET.

I MYSELF HAVE LEARNED MANY THINGS IN OUR TIME TOGETHER THROUGH TODAY.

FOR YOU SEE, BASE-BALL,

AS WELL AS ANY OTHER TEAM SPORT, WAS AN UNKNOWN WORLD TO ME.

YOU JUST NOTICED THAT *NOW?*

I'VE EVEN NOTICED HOW SHORT-TEMPERED AND IRRASCIBLE I CAN BE, AT TIMES..

TCH.

AND MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, I'VE REDISCOVERED THE GREATNESS OF HAVING A DREAM.

43 YEARS AGO, OUR OWN NIKOGAKU ONCE PUT FOOT ON THE SOIL OF THE KOSHIEN!

PERHAPS THIS TOO, IS NEWS TO ALL OF YOU.

WE DID?!

FOR REAL?!

WHAT?!

ZAWA

LONG BEFORE TOKYO'S REPRESENTATIVES WERE SPLIT BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.

ZAWA

AFTER AN INCREDIBLE BATTLE, NIKOGAKU WAS CHOSEN TO REPRESENT THE ENTIRE CITY OF TOKYO.

.....

I HAD NO IDEA..
W-WE WERE IN THE KOSHIEN

WE HAD OUR GOLDEN AGE
SO YOU SEE,

THE AGE HAS CHANGED..
AND OVER 43 YEARS,

...!

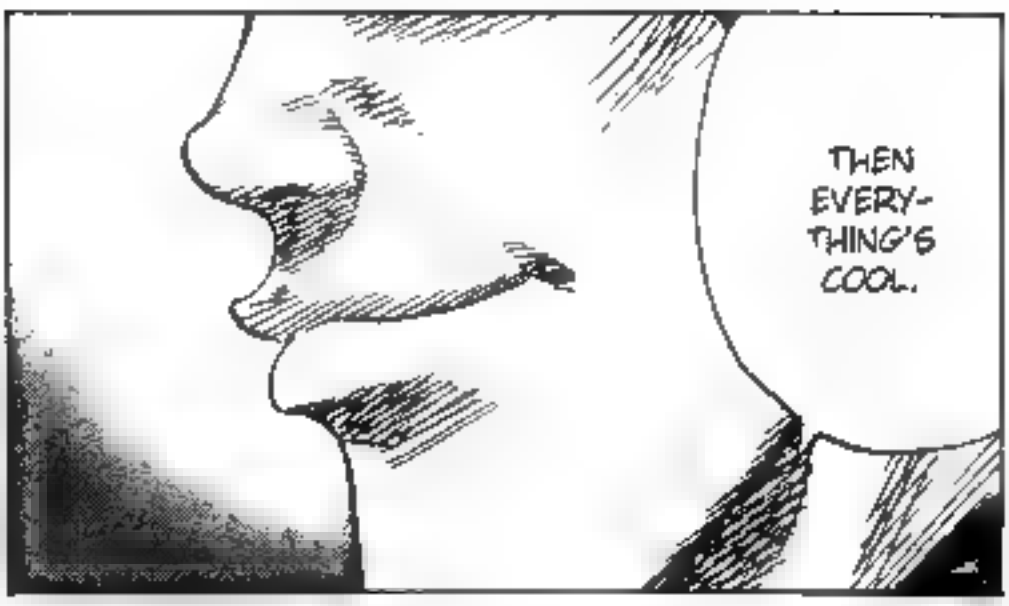
THE LEGACY OF THE BASEBALL CLUB WAS ENTRUSTED IN YOU,
AND YOU MADE A MISTAKE.

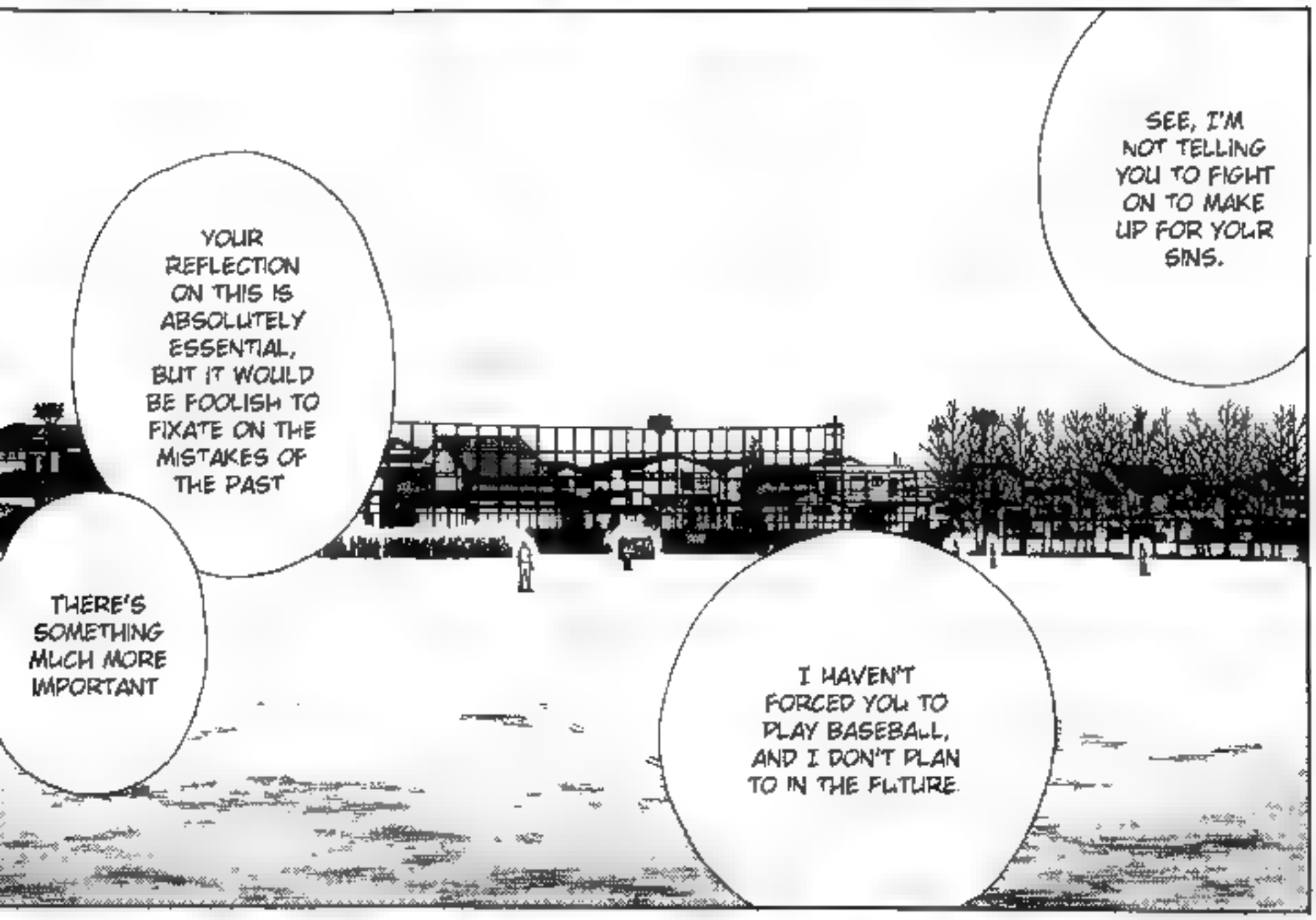
HOW THE HISTORY OF GLORY CREATED BY YOUR FOREFATHERS' BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS HAS BEEN SHAMED BY YOUR ACTIONS.

BUT NOW YOU UNDERSTAND

AND IF YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS.

SENSEI..


THEN EVERY-THING'S COOL.


SEE, I'M NOT TELLING YOU TO FIGHT ON TO MAKE UP FOR YOUR SINS.
YOUR REFLECTION ON THIS IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL, BUT IT WOULD BE FOOLISH TO FIXATE ON THE MISTAKES OF THE PAST
THERE'S SOMETHING MUCH MORE IMPORTANT
I HAVEN'T FORCED YOU TO PLAY BASEBALL, AND I DON'T PLAN TO IN THE FUTURE.

AND YOU HAVE FINALLY NOTICED THIS.
FORTUNATELY, ALL HUMANS ARE GIVEN THE EQUAL ABILITY TO HOLD DREAMS.

IT JUST HAPPENED, IN YOUR CASE, TO BE BASEBALL.

I THINK THAT'S JUST FINE.

AND NOW YOU'VE BEGUN MAKING THE EFFORT TO ACHIEVE IT.

.....

.....

WAKANA'S HEADFIRST SLIDING..

HUH?

SEKIKAWA'S BASE-RUNNING..

IMAOKA'S ONE-LEG BATTING STYLE

OKADA'S DRAG BUNT.

ANIYA'S PITCHING AND HOME RUN.

HIYAMA'S PLAY AT THE PLATE.

YUFUNE'S CLUTCH HITTING

HIRATSUKA'S.

MIKOSHIBA'S DEFENSE

THEY'RE ALL VIVID, MOVING SCENES IN MY HEAD.

HIRA-TSUKA'S. HIRA-TSUKA'S.

SWING

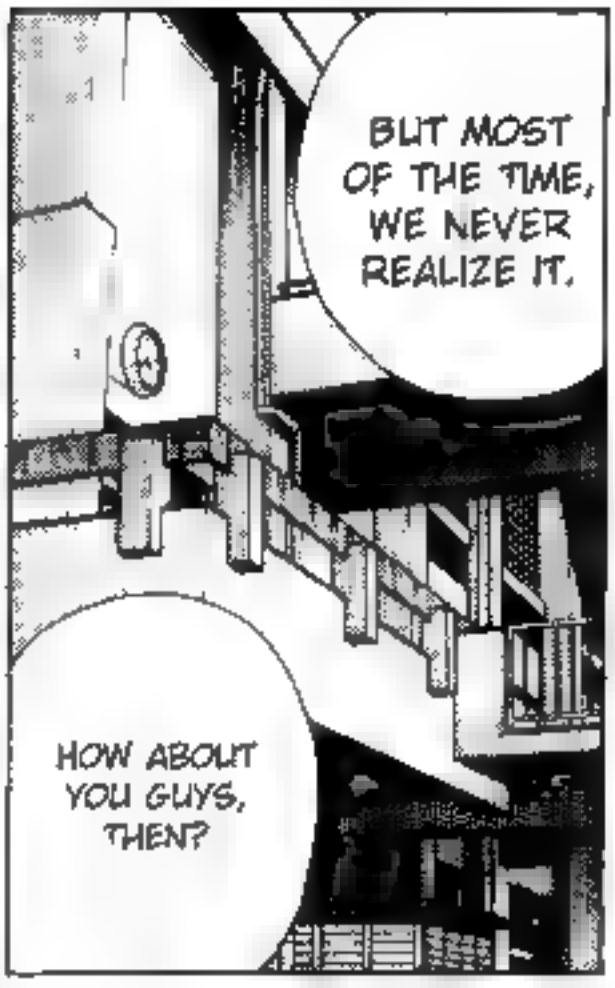
AND I'M GOING TO WITNESS THE INSTANT THEY COME TRUE, WITH MY OWN TWO EYES.

I THINK OF HOW FORTUNATE I AM, THAT I GET TO STAND HERE AND SEE YOUR DREAMS UNFOLDING BEFORE MY EYES.

HIG. .

SENSEI .

THE WORLD IS FULL OF MORE GLORY THAN WE CAN EVER COMPREHEND.


BUT MOST OF THE TIME, WE NEVER REALIZE IT.
HOW ABOUT YOU GUYS, THEN?

THE LAST TIME, YOU LAUGHED AT ME.
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU AGAIN.

ANIYA.

WHAT ARE YOUR DREAMS?

GOOD!

I WANT TO WIN THIS GAME.

...FOR NOW...

SO I GUESS WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS,

I KNOW FULL WELL THAT YOU'VE PLAYED THIS GAME WITH NO INTENTIONS OTHER THAN TO WIN.

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF SAYING.. "NOW THAT YOU'VE COME THIS FAR. . MIGHT AS WELL TRY TO WIN!"

DO YOUR BEST ...?

THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

NOW GET OUT THERE!

I GUESS.

DO YOUR BEST!

HEHEH...
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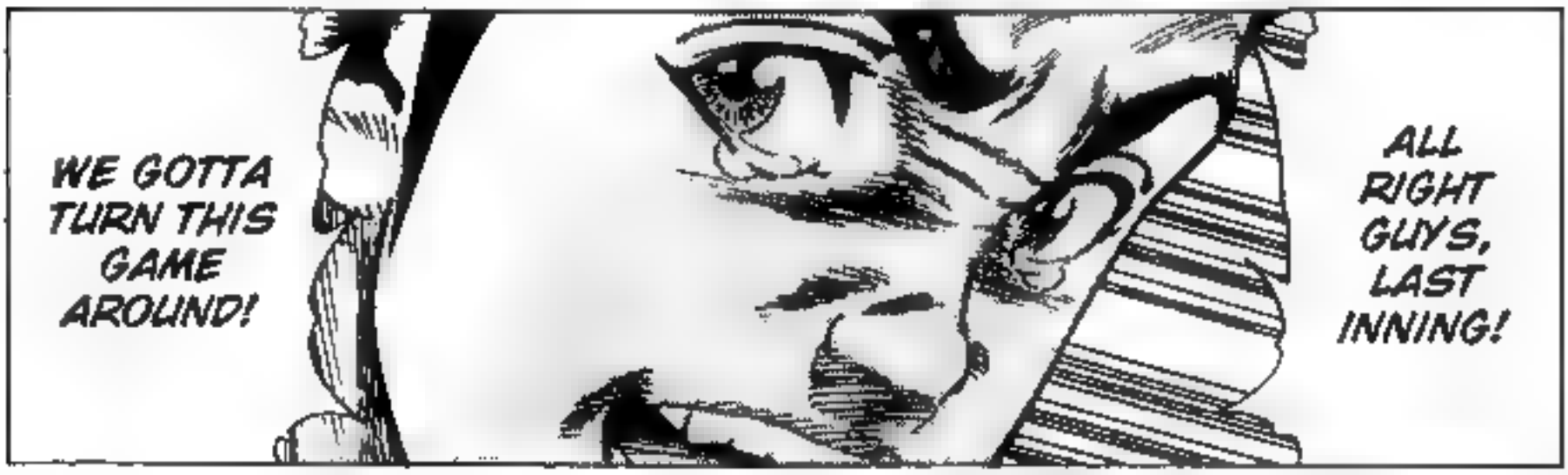
WE GOTTA TURN THIS GAME AROUND!
ALL RIGHT GUYS, LAST INNING!

LET'S GO!

YEAH !!

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IMAO-KAAAA!
FLAMINGO STANCE!
OKAY, IMAOKA, DO IT!
I'MA DO IT.
GET ON BASE! YOU HAVE TO GET ON BASE!

HE THROWS UNDERARM, BATS ON ONE-LEG, SWITCH HITS AND IS HIRATSUKA'S FRIEND?! WHAT'S UP WITH THIS GUY?!
HE WAS A SWITCH HITTER ?!
WHAAAAT?! NOW HE'S BATTING LEFTY!

HAHAHA. THEY ARE GOOD BOYS.
YOUR PREACHING HAS FIRED THEM UP EVEN MORE

WELL, GOOD LUCK!
DO IT, IMAOKA!

I JUST WANTED TO TELL THEM. . TO DO THEIR BEST.
IT WASN'T PREACHING. I ONLY SAY THE THINGS I KNOW.

ACK!
TAKE ONE FOR THE TEAM IF YOU...

SUCK IT UP, IMAO-KAAA!!
I WANT YOU TO DIE OUT THERE!

ACK!

S.. SORRY...
WHAT THE HELL, ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL ME OR SOME-THING?!
LOOK OUT, JACK-ASS!

...

OOPS.

..?

AWWWWW!

STRIKE THREE!

BATTER OUT!

I'LL SHOW YOU MY SECRET WEAPON.

DAAAH, SHIT!!

HUH..

LEAVE THE REST TO ME

WACK!

IMAOKAA!

..

...

GOOD JOB, MAN.

WHY ARE YOU CRYIN'?

SOMEONE ELSE HASN'T

HEY, AT LEAST YOU GOT A HIT

HAHAHA, YOU TECHNICIAN, YOU!

ONE-FOR-ALL...

HAHA. . THE GROUP'S INTERNAL TEAMWORK IS GREAT, AS WELL TRULY, ONE-FOR-ALL AND ALL-FOR-ONE.

...

IF YOU WORRY ABOUT OTHER THINGS, YOU'LL MISS THEM WINNING

HUH?

ONLY THE NINE..

IT WAS JUST THE NINE OF THEM UNTIL THE END..

GOOOO, SEKIKA-WAAAA!

CRUSH IT!

JUST WATCH.

SEKI-KAWA-KUUN!

SEKI-KAWA!

GET ON BASE, SEKI-KAWA!

SEKI-KAWA!

SEKI-KAWA!

SEKI-KAWA!

SEKI-KAWA!

CHECK OUT MY SECRET WEAPON!

WHOA, HE BUNTED!
A DRAG BUNT!

AH-

ACK!

YOU CAN STILL MAKE IT...

WHOAAAA, THAT WAS FAST!!

CRAZY!!

DAMN... HE'S THE *LAST* WE WANTED TO LET ON...

YEAAAH, WAY TO GO!

HELL YEAAAH!

WE GOT THE TYING RUNNER ON BASE!

ALL RIGHT MIKO-SHIBA, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!

YES I DO!

I'M GONNA MOVE HIM OVER!

...

I WANT YOU TO TIE THE SCORE UP, BITCH!

THE HELL YOU ARE! YOU'RE GONNA KNOCK HIM IN!

HELL YEAH!

GO ON, SHOW 'EM THE TEAM CAPTAIN MEANS BUSINESS.

OR YOU CAN END IT ALL WITH ONE SWING.

...

MIKOSHI-BAAA!

MIKO-SHIBA-KUUN!

MIKO-SHIBA!

...

JUST SQUEEZE SHUT

WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU. ? C'MON.

C'MON, I KNOW YOU AIN'T GONNA BE TREMBLIN' FROM CATCHING ANIYA'S PUSSY PITCHING...

DAMMIT!

HEY

C'MON, THIS AIN'T FUNNY.. I GOTTA HOLD A BAT

I'M UP NEXT! YOU GOTTA DO SOME-THIN'!

THE LINEUP'S MOVING AROUND!

YOU STUPID HAND!

IT'S GONNA COME AROUND TO MY TURN.

SEKIKAWA GOT ON BASE.

WE CAUGHT UP 7 RUNS... WE CAME THIS FAR.

NGG

I CAN'T BLOW IT ALL

NOT NOW...

DAMMIT

DAMMIT

CAHA

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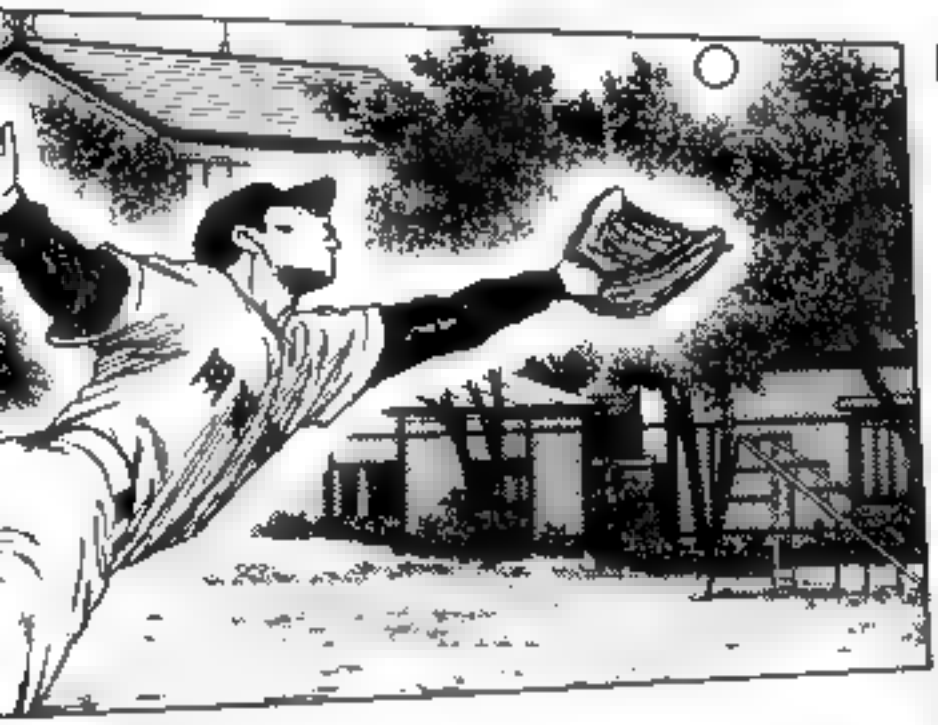

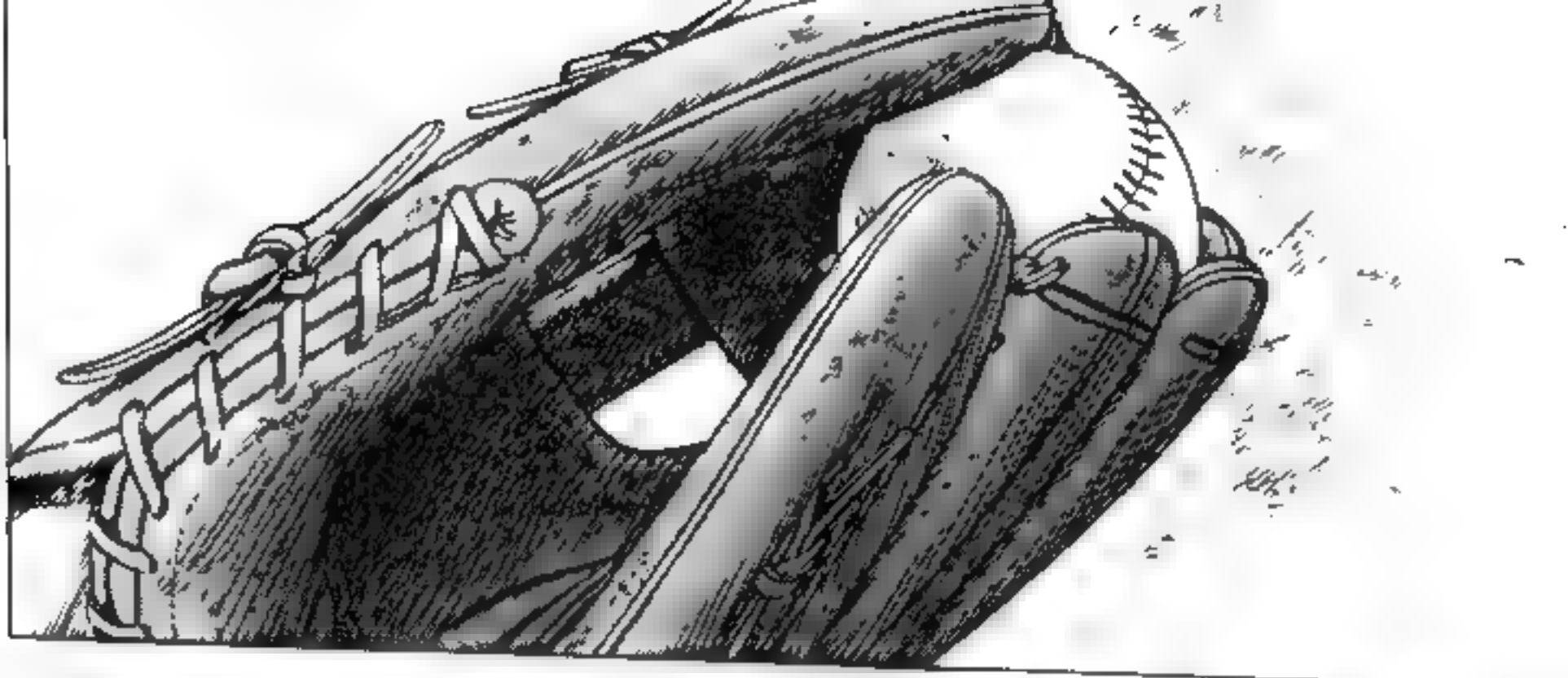

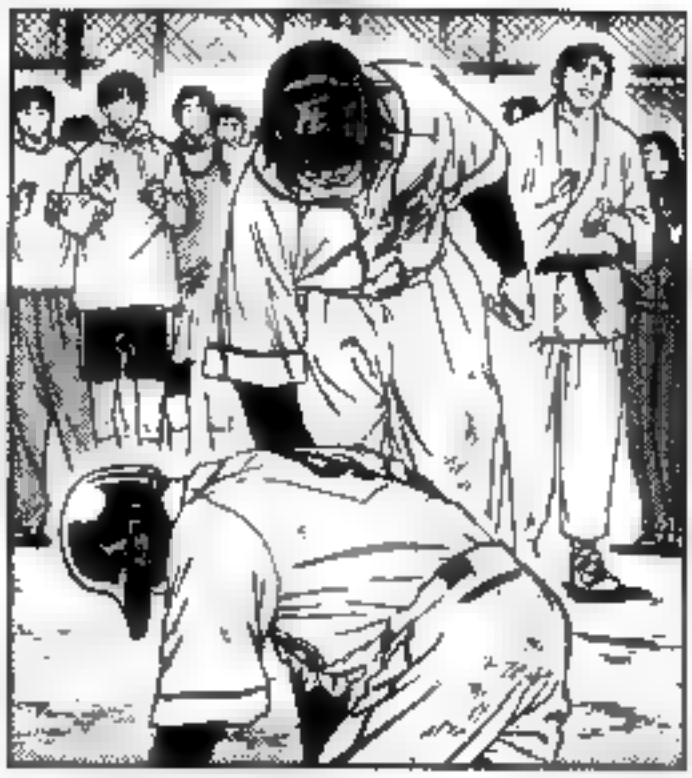

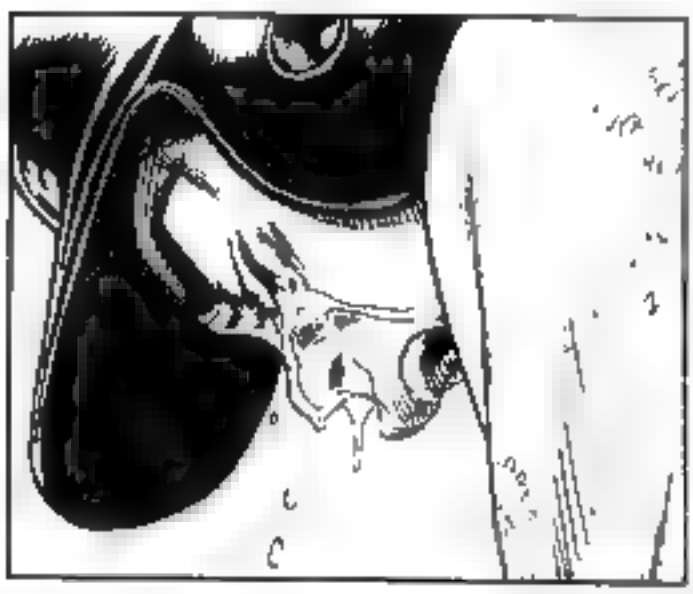

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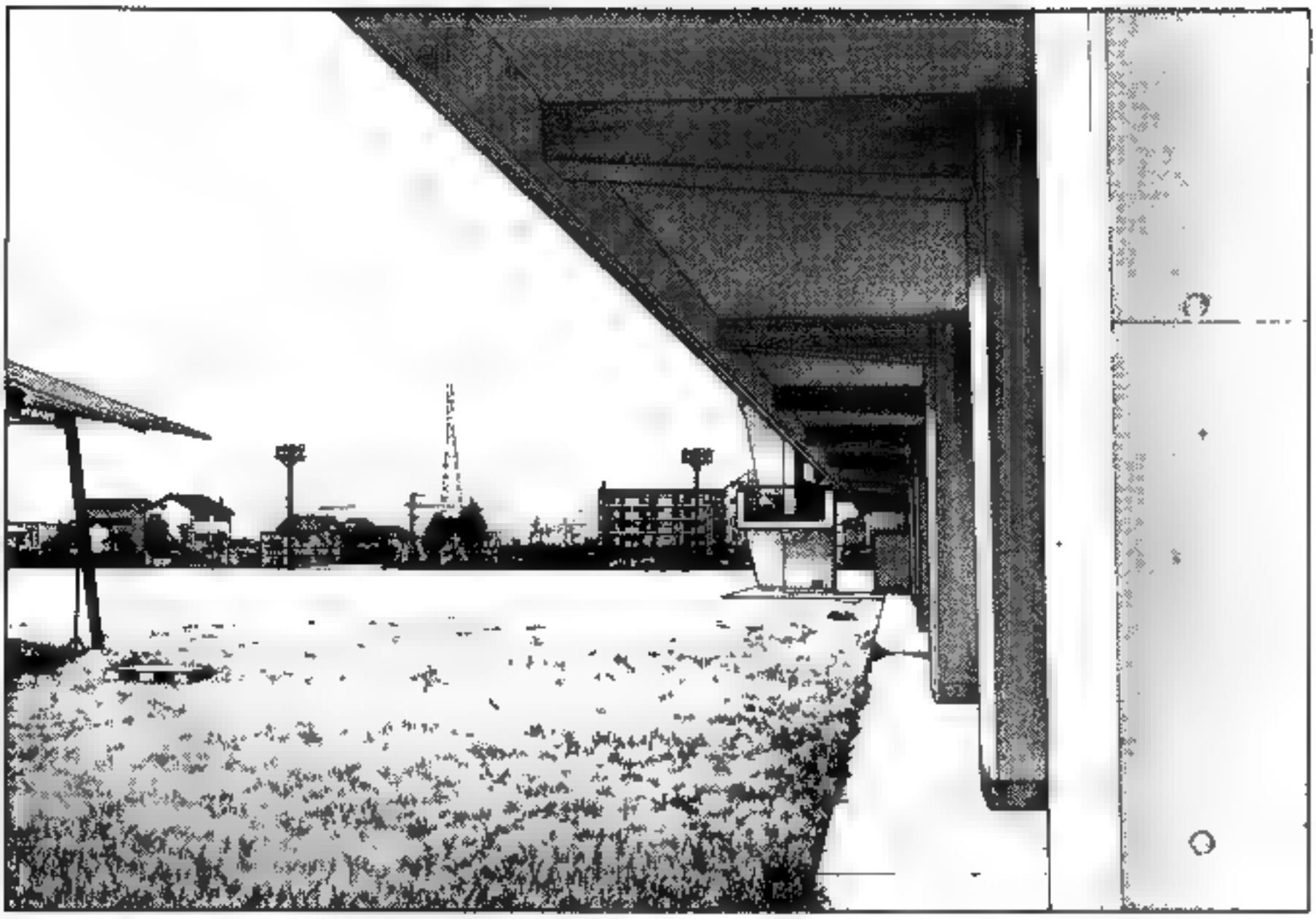

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We are waiting for ...

THAT WAS SO CLOSE.

C'MON MIKOSHIBA, DON'T CRY!

HG.

HGG.

DON'T CRY, MIKOSHIBA-KUN!

I THOUGHT IT WAS A HIT FOR SURE.

SNIFF..

HIGG...

WE CAN STILL WIN IT, WITH TWO OUTS AND A RUNNER ON FIRST.

HEY, WE HAVEN'T LOST YET.

IF .. IF IT GOT THROUGH.. THE GAME WOULD BE TIED...

HEY, WHERE'D HE GO?!

WAKA-NAAA!

OKAY WAKANA, TIME TO SMACK ONE!

HEY, BITCH!

I WAS IN THE BATH-ROOM.

YOU WERE TAKIN' A SHIT, HUH! TELL ME!

YOU WERE IN THE BATHROOM, NOW?!

HUH? WHERE'S WAKANA THEN?

HAHAHAHA, SORRY ABOUT THAT, GUYS!

!

YEAH, I KNOW. PUT A SOCK IN IT.

THERE'S NOTHING LEFT!

YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING DOWN HERE?! BOTTOM OF THE 9TH, TWO DOWN!

...

CRACK GOES THE BAT.

GUESS I'LL JUST STEP UP AND PLAY IT COOL.

MY SPECIAL ONE-HANDED ATTACK!

BRING IT ON, PUNK.

HMMM HMM HM HMMM.

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...

..

SHUT UP! THIS IS MY SPECIAL HIDDEN POWER!

WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?! THIS AIN'T NO GAME! I'LL KILL YOU!!

...

MOTHER-FUCKER

WHO CARES, AS LONG AS I HIT IT!

WHAT?!

DON'T GIVE ME THAT SHIT!

WHAT?!

I'M GONNA KILL YOU!!

YOU HOLD THE BAT WITH TWO HANDS!

LIKE THIS!

WHAT DO YOU THINK WE'VE COME THIS FAR TO DO?!

OWW! LEMME GO, DAMMIT!

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ALL THE SHIT WE WENT THROUGH?!

?!

. WHAT .

IT JUST STARTED A LITTLE WHILE AGO

IT WON'T STOP SHAKING ..

WH.. WHY IS YOUR HAND SHAKING

WAKANA ...

IT'S YOUR FAULT...

...

THAT SHITTY PITCHING ...
BECAUSE... ALL YOU THROW IS .

PATHETIC
WAKANA.
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...

THIS IS SO PATHETIC
GOD

YOU KNOW, I SAW SHINJO AROUND EARLIER.

HE WAS HANGING AROUND NEAR THE GYM THE WHOLE TIME

PINCH HITTER?

WHAT SHOULD WE DO? CAN'T HANDLE THE BAT LIKE THIS.

AT THE VERY END.

IDIOT!

WELL, WHAT ABOUT KAWATO

WE CAN'T DO THAT, THERE ARE ONLY NINE GUYS.

!

Y YEAH, HE WAS!

A... ARE YOU SERIOUS ?!

HE WAS, BUT... I SAW HIM LEAVE

SHINJO'S HERE ?!

IF THERE'S NOBODY TO SUB IN, YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE YOUR TURN, ONE-HANDED OR NOT

WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?

...

HUH?

TOKO-CHAN.

...

BUT IT'S TWO OUT IN THE BOTTOM OF THE 9TH.

ARE YOU SERIOUS?

TAPE MY LEFT HAND AROUND THE BAT FOR ME

!

WELL, WHAT ELSE ARE WE GONNA DO?

AS LONG AS I CAN HOLD THE BAT.

LOOK, IT'S MY ONLY CHOICE.

!

AAAAAH !!

HM.

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SHINJO!!

SHINJO.

DIDN'T HE LEAVE ..?

IT'S SHINJO-KUN.

SHINJO.

SHINJO. .

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I THOUGHT YOU .

!

YOU ASS-HOLE...

SHINJO ...

DAMMIT, SHINJO! WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?!

SO, WE'RE ALL TOGETHER NOW!

GYAHAHAHA, TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH!

GODDAMNIT, WE WAITED SO LONG!

WHAT THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN DOING?!

HEH, YOU GET TO STEAL ALL THE GLORY.

GO ON, YOU'RE UP

...

HUH?

NAH

I JUST...

WANTED TO BE WITH YOU GUYS.

I HAVEN'T PRACTICED. I WON'T BE ABLE TO GET A HIT...

I THOUGHT... ABOUT LEAVING FOR HOME... BUT THIS AIN'T WHY I CAME BACK

I WANTED TO STAND HERE WITH YOU, IN THE SAME UNIFORM.

DON'T GIMME THAT BULLSHIT.

YOU'RE ON THE TEAM. OF COURSE YOU WEAR THE SAME UNIFORM!

!

SHINJO-KUN.

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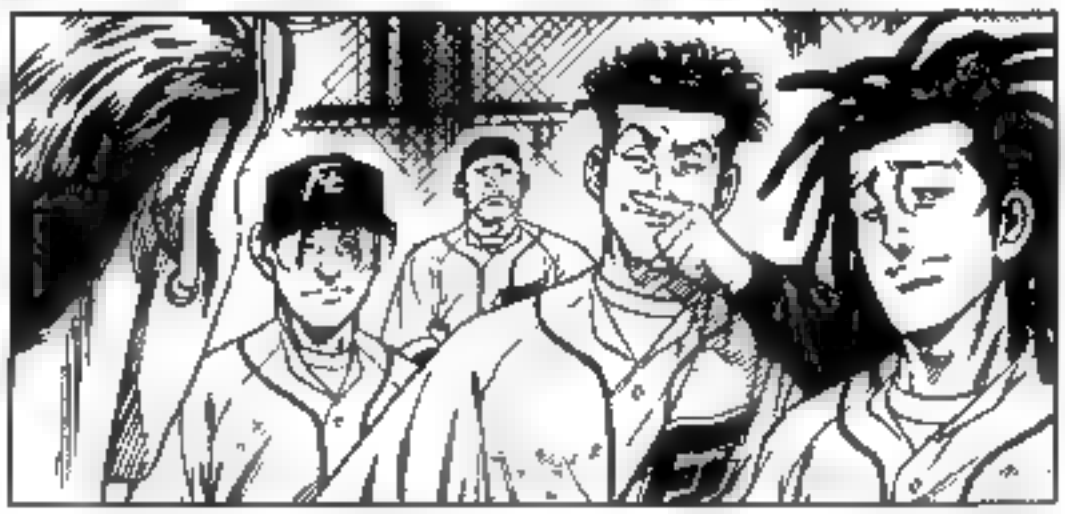
...

WE NEED YOU, MAN. YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE LEFT
LOOK, THE PROBLEM IS, THIS GUY CAN'T HOLD THE BAT ANYMORE



YOU GOTTA HIT IT FOR US.
TAKE YOUR SWINGS, SHINJO

WHO ELSE IS GONNA DO IT?

ANIYA.

YOU WANT... *ME* TO BAT...

ARE YOU SURE?

HELL YEAH WE DO

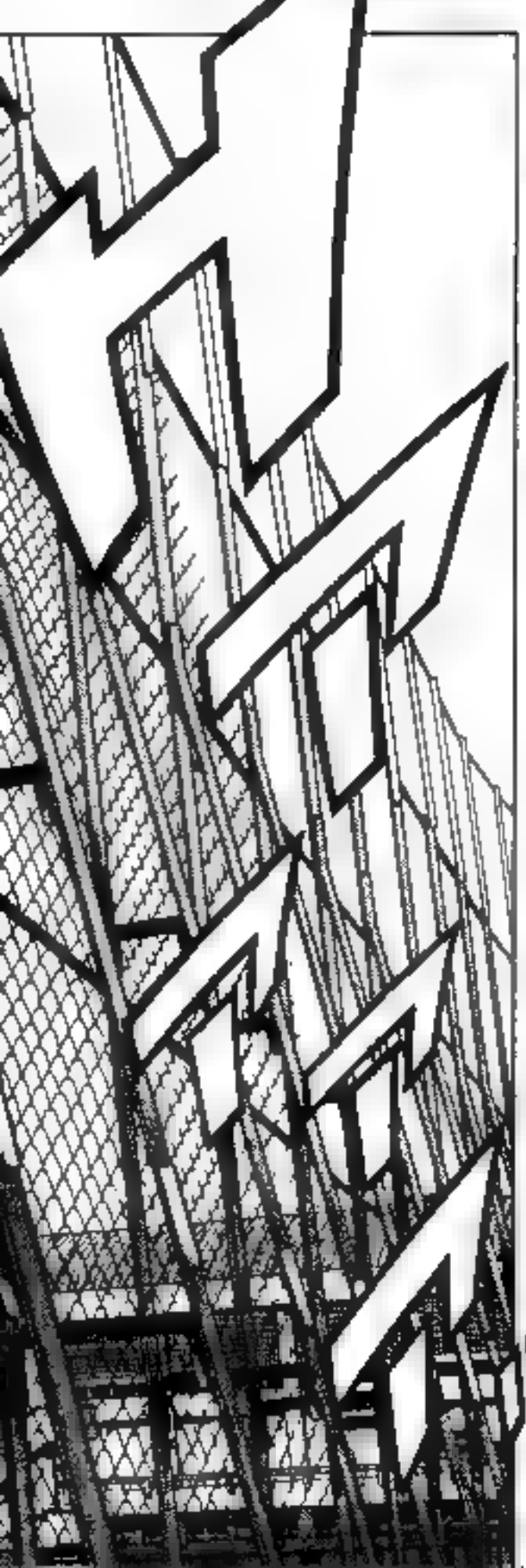
PFFT!

HEHEH

TOO BAD THAT UNIFORM LOOKS LIKE SHIT ON YOU! JUST WHAT I WAS AFRAID OF

GYAHA HAHAHA HA!

HEHEH.



SHINJO !!
ALL RIGHT! BATTING FOR WAKANA,

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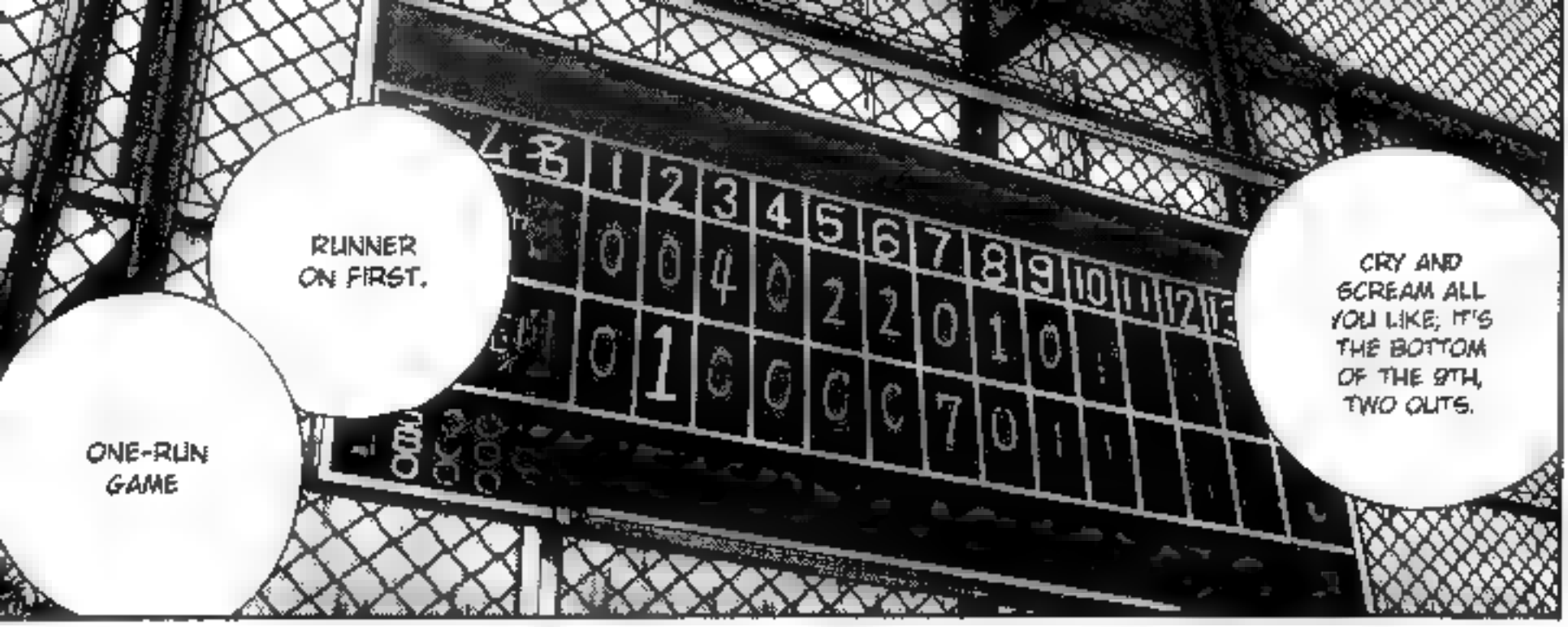
Shinjo Pinch-hits


RUNNER ON FIRST.
ONE-RUN GAME
CRY AND SCREAM ALL YOU LIKE; IT'S THE BOTTOM OF THE 9TH, TWO OUTS.

OUR FIRST VICTORY
IS IN YOUR HANDS.

GOT IT.

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HUH?

HMM? WHAT WAS THAT, JUST NOW?
.....

THAT RASCAL...

CRUSH IT, SHINJO!
SHINJO-KUUUN!
.....
SHIN-JOOO!

OH.
HUH.

PLAY BALL!!

MURMUR...
.....

I DON'T BELIEVE IT I HAD NO IDEA.
HE BATS LEFTY

.....

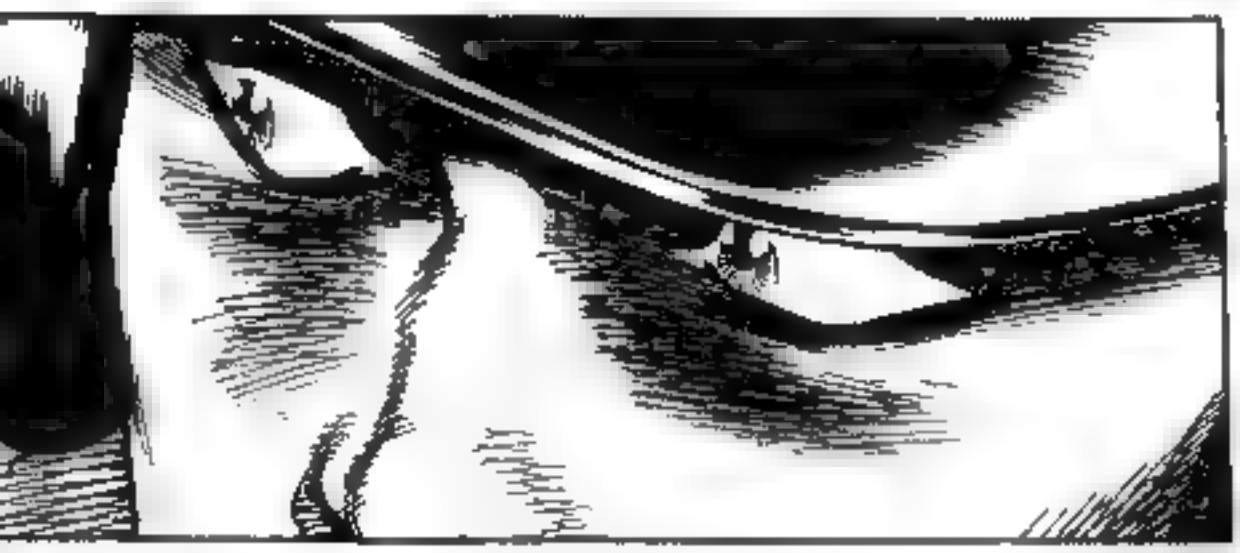
ONE MORE BATTER..
TWO OUT. JUST ONE MORE

IN OTHER WORDS, THE "HEART" OF HIS HAND
YES, HIS PALM...

HIS PALM?

THAT THERE WOULD BE A DAY WHEN HE COULD BARE HIS HEART TO THE WORLD
THAT I BELIEVED IN THE DAY THAT HIS CLENCHED FIST WOULD OPEN.
I TOLD HIM SOMETHING, ONCE

HE REMEMBERED THAT
AND



STRIIIKE!

DON'T SWEAT IT! YOUR TIMING'S JUST FINE!

THAT BALL'S GONNA *FLY*.

H.. HOLY SHIT, DID YOU SEE THAT SWING..?

ALL THE REST OF THE GUYS UNDERSTAND THE COURAGE IT TOOK HIM TO DO THIS..

HE WAS AS BAD AS THEY GET, AND NOW HE'S FINALLY SHOWN US HIS TRUE SELF...

SHINJO-KUN...

ALL THIS QUESTIONING OF WHETHER HE COULD FIT INTO THE BASE-BALL TEAM'S CIRCLE

ALL THOSE ADULT MISGIVINGS AND CONCERNS WERE COMPLETELY UNNECESSARY

THAT'S WHY THEY'VE PUT THEIR TRUST AND HOPE IN SHINJO, WITHOUT AN OUNCE OF HESITATION.

ALL THAT'S LEFT.

AND HE HAS ACCEPTED THAT BURDEN STEADFASTLY

SENSEI ..

IS FOR HIM TO WIN IT FOR US.

STRIIIIKE!

YES!

DOWN IN THE COUNT..

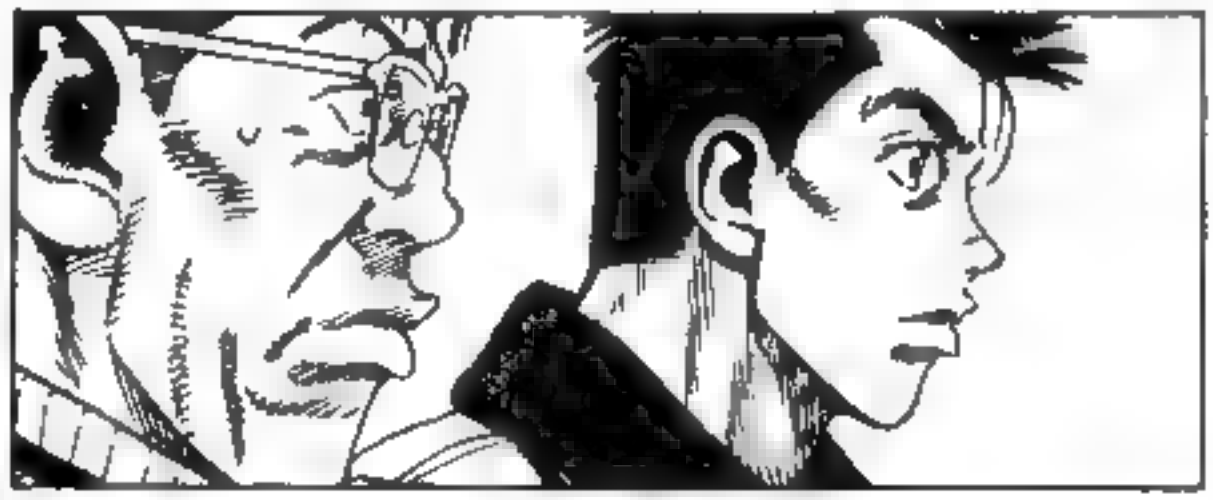
AAAHHH

SHINJO..

SHINJO...

WE'RE ALL ROOTING YOU ON!!
SHINJO-KUN..

GULP..



ALL OF US..
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THING
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GOT
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GODA-ST

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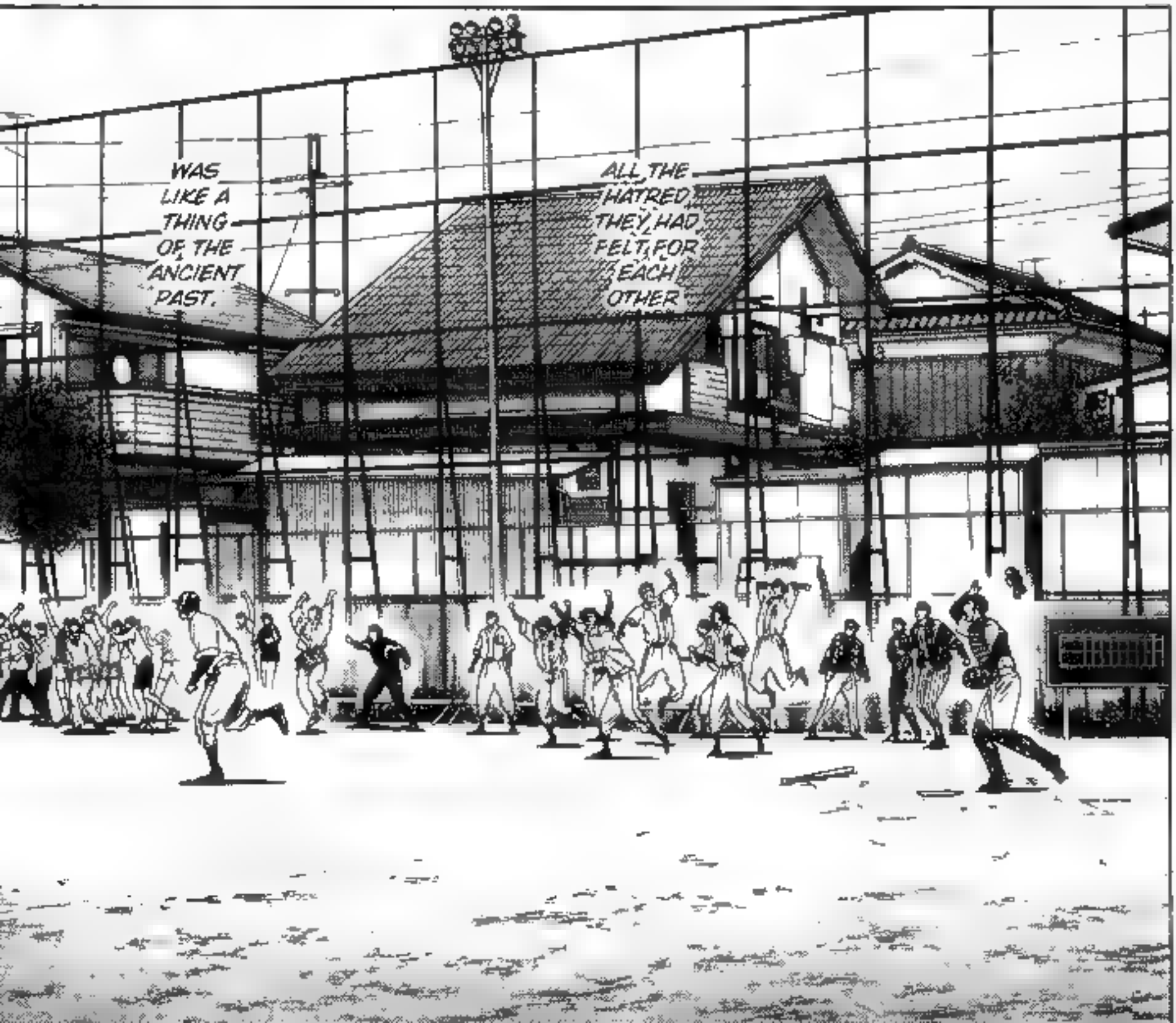
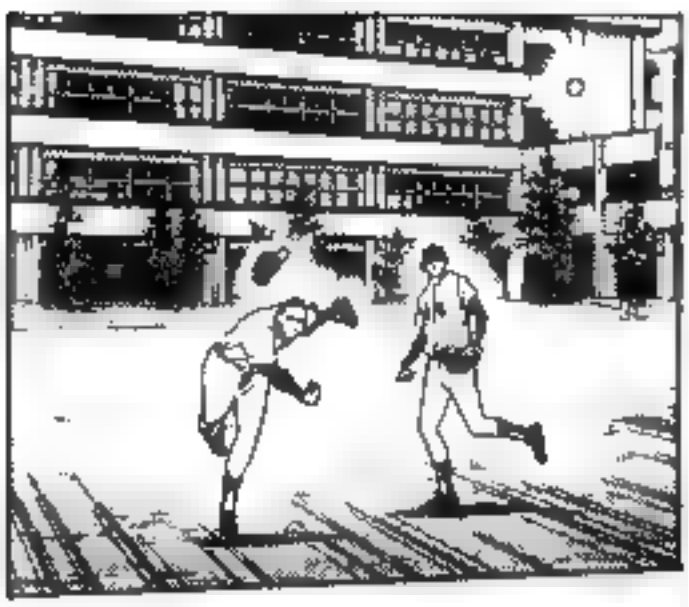

WAS LIKE A THING OF THE ANCIENT PAST.
ALL THE HATRED THEY HAD FELT FOR EACH OTHER

BUT I BELIEVED THAT ONE DAY, THEY WOULD BE LIKE THIS.



BECAUSE SENSEI WAS THERE.

AND I KNEW,

THAT DEEP DOWN, MEN CAN TRULY UNDERSTAND AND BOND WITH EACH OTHER.

ALL THEY HAD TO DO WAS OVERCOME ADVERSITY TOGETHER...

THIS IS WHY CARING FOR OTHERS IS ALWAYS REWARDED.

IT JUST TAKES TIME.

OUT!!

GAME OVER!!

Vol.67 Just Like Him

WE WONNN!

NOOOOO!

YEAH, WE DID IT!

WE WON!!

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WE JUST... LOST?

WE LOST

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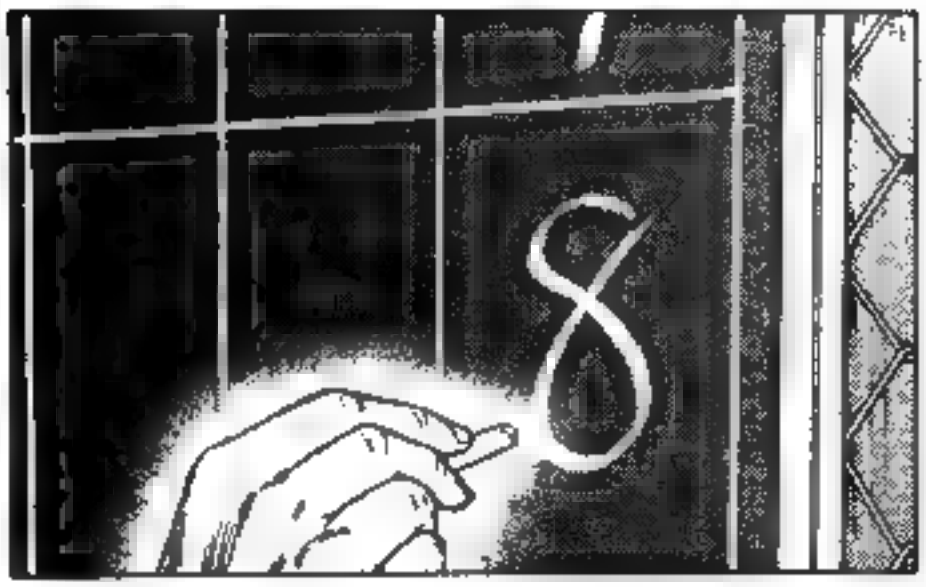
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LINE UP BY THE PLATE AND LET'S GIT OUTTA HERE.
QUIT YO' CELEBRATIN'! SHAMEFUL GAME TA PLAY 'GAINST SUCH A SHITHOLE

.....
ON YOUR FEET NOW
LINE UP.

WE WON, GUYS!
WE DID IT!
HA HA HA! KIDA YOU ASSHOLE! STOP FREAKIN' ME OUT, HERE!

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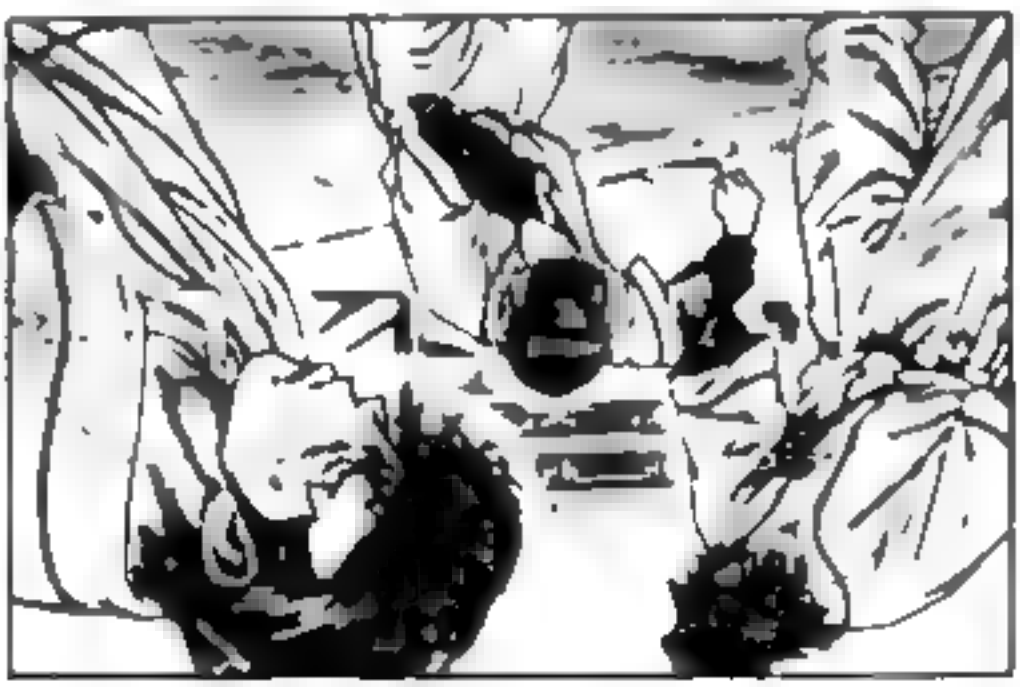

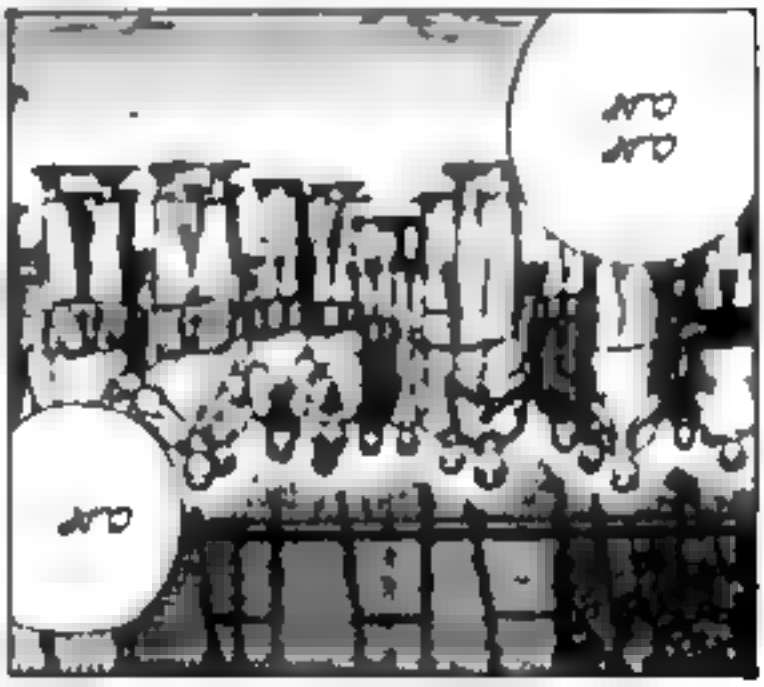
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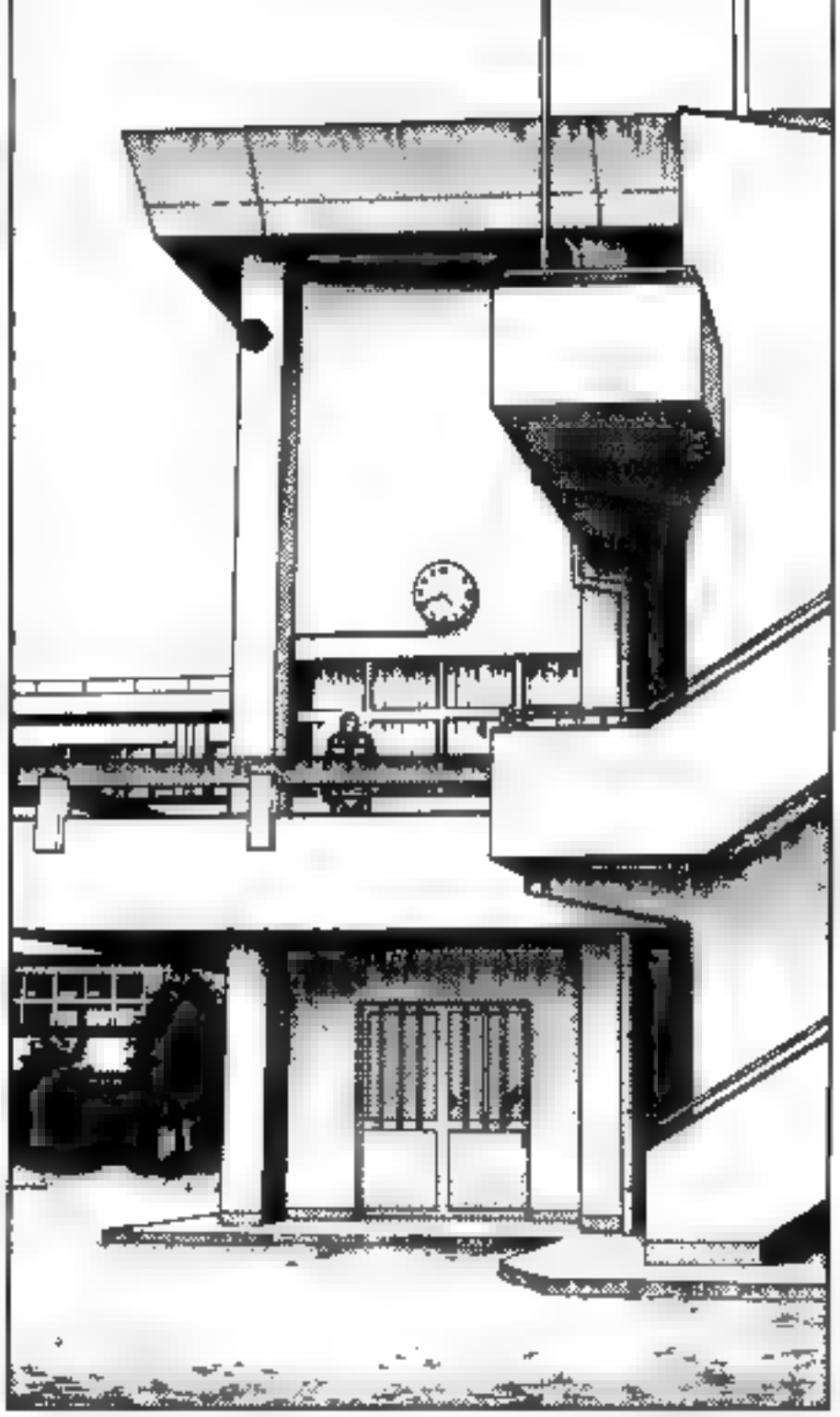

THANK YOU!

YOGA DAIICHI HIGH SCHOOL WING THIS GAME,
BY THE FINAL SCORE OF 9-8.
AND NOW,
BOW!

CLAP CLAP

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CLAP CLAP

CLAP CLAP

YOU DID GREAT!

CLAP CLAP

IT WAS SO CLOSE, GUYS!

CLAP CLAP

CLAP CLAP

CLAP...

HEY...

H. . HUH...?

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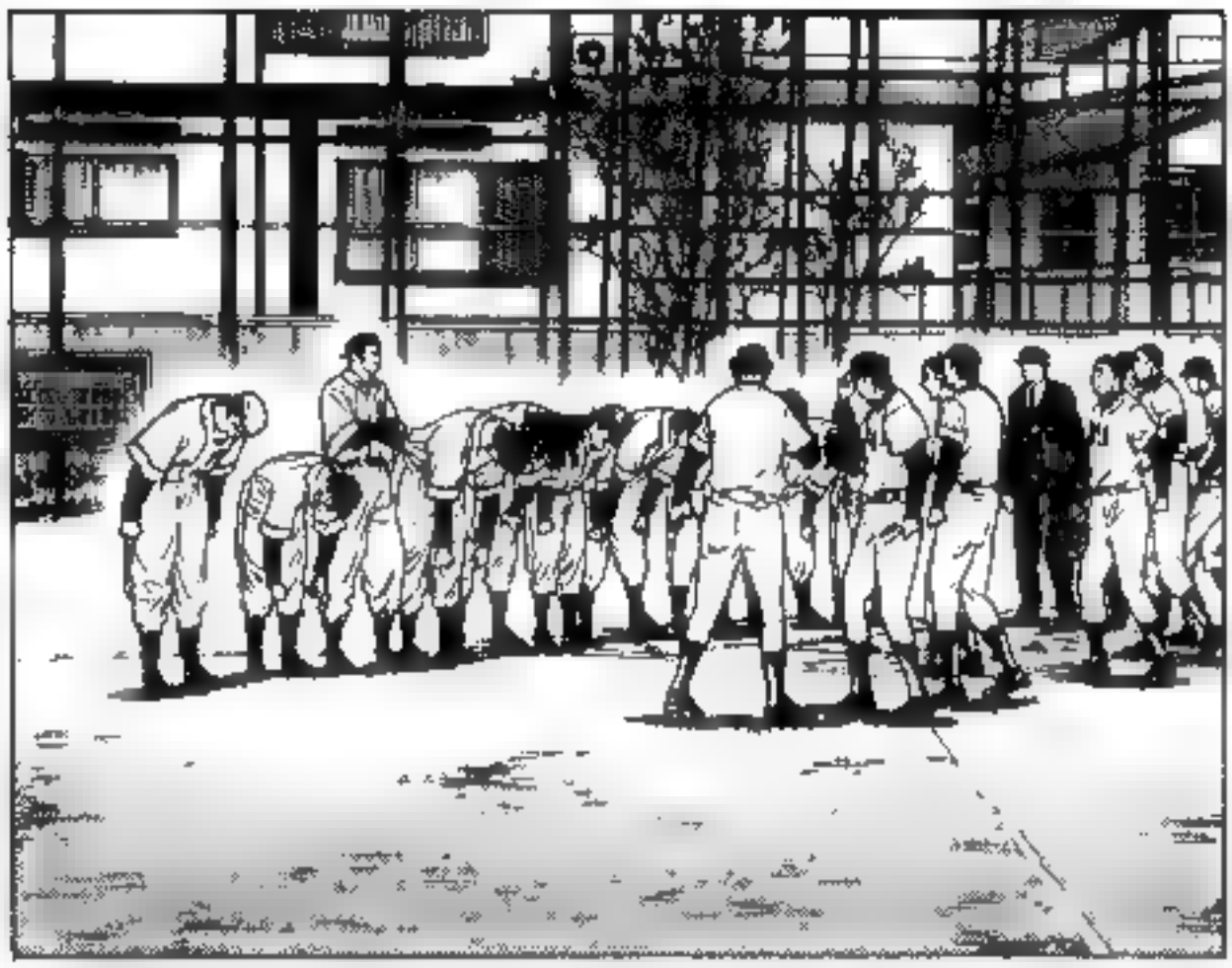

SENSEI.
IT'S GOT TO BE TOUGH TO BEAR

BUT .. THEY DID SO WELL...
Y .. YES...

KEI-CHAN... GUYS...

HUH?!

THEY JUST CAN'T STAND IT.

I BET THEY'RE SO HAPPY.

GYAHA HA HA HA!!

.....

NENEH.

KE-NENE.

NIN-NINNIN.

LOOK AT HIM RUNNIN' ALL SERIOUS!

SHINJO, YOU ASSHOLE! I BET YOU WERE HITTIN' UP THE BATTING CAGES IN SECRET!

GYA-HAHA-HAHA!

YOU SEE THAT?! FROM THE LEFT SIDE!

SOME EXPLOSIVE BATTING ORDER SHIT UP IN HERE!

WE SCORED 8 FUCKIN' RUNS!

8 RUNS!

HUH..

WE CAN DO THIS KOSHIEN SHIT!

GYAHA-HAHAHA, CRAZY! IN OUR VERY FIRST GAME!

EASY WIN, NO SWEAT!

WE'RE BRIL-LIANT!

.....

THEY DID EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER AND STILL LOST

BUT MORE IMPOR-TANTLY,

HUH?

WHAT'S TO REGRET?

W WHAT'S GOING ON? I THOUGHT THEY WOULD BE FRUS-TRATED

THE VALUE OF HARD WORK

THEIR IRREPLACEABLE FRIENDS.

THEIR OWN DREAMS...

THEY GAINED MANY THINGS.

.....

WE JUST BARELY WON A HUGE, IMPROBABLE VICTORY.

GYA HA-HA-HA!

THANKS, GUYS..

HEY, HE'S SAYIN' SOME-THING

HUH?

GYA HA-HA-HA-HA!

WHAT THE FUCK ?!

SHIT, MAN. MY HAND STOPPED SHAKING, AFTER THE GAME'S OVER.

U. UMMM ..

WHAT? WHAT VIBRATING FEATURE ?!

I WAS TOTALLY GONNA ENJOY THE VIBRATING FEATURE TONIGHT

YOU GET TO PLAY BASEBALL IN THE BEST OF CIRCUM-STANCES

I FEE.. . I FEEL JEALOUS OF YOU. .

IT WAS A GOOD ONE.

UMM. . THANKS FOR THE GAME. GUYS.

HMPH

HEY, QUIT YO' DALLYIN' AND LET'S GET THE HELL OUTTA HEER!

FORGET THEM LOSERS!

HOW SO?

BEST OF CIR-CUM-STANCES . ?

HUH?
HEY PITCHER.

LATER
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.....

COME WITH YOUR STARTING MEMBERS NEXT TIME, SO WE CAN KILL YOU FOR REALS.
REMEMBER US NEXT YEAR, BITCH

PFFT
KILL 'EM...?
HOW DO YOU KILL PEOPLE IN BASEBALL?

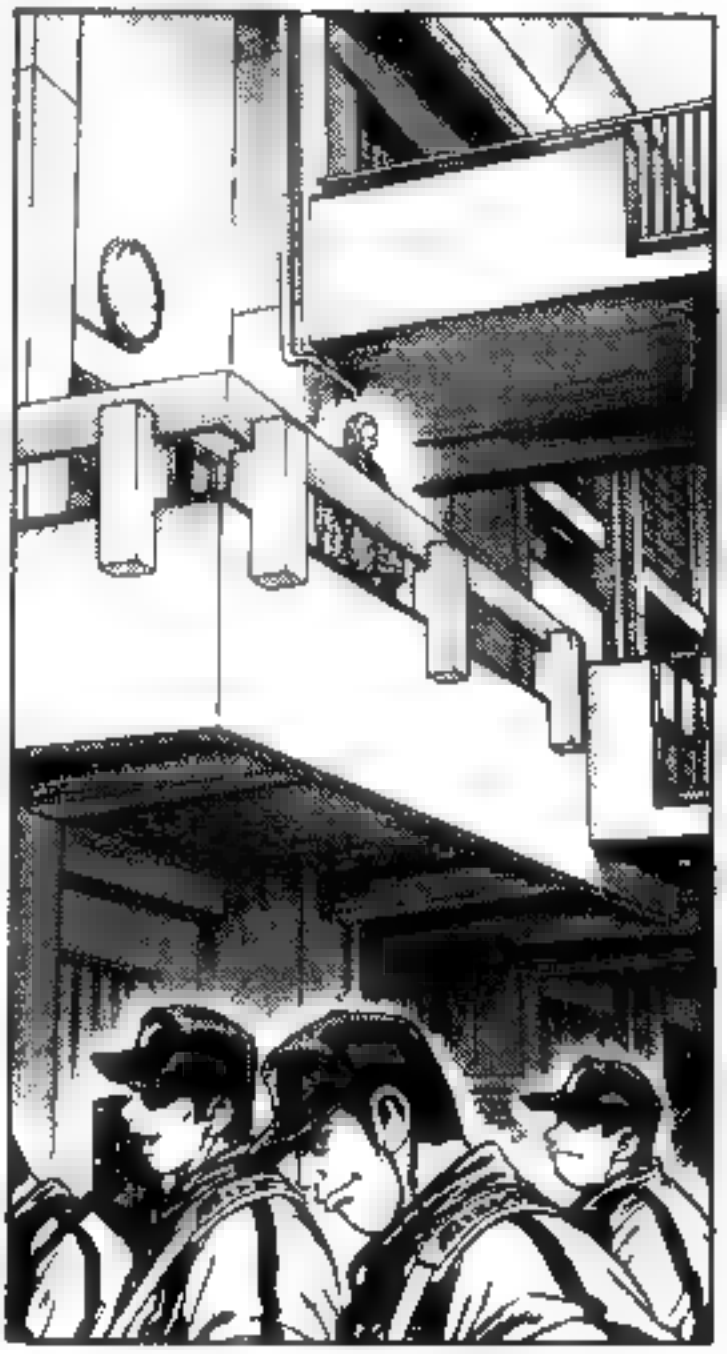
Y... YEAH!

THE FUCK ARE YOU LAUGHIN' ABOUT, UH?
UH. NOTHING

BESIDES, WHAT ARE ALL YOU PEOPLE DOIN' HERE ANYWAY?
A PATHETIC, LOWLY MAN SULKS, DEPRIVED OF HIS CHANCE TO SHINE AT THE END

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HERE?

THE GAME IS FINISHED, WITHOUT INCIDENT
IKEBE-KUN.



HOWEVER, I FEEL LIKE IN THIS LAST MONTH, THEY HAVE GROWN AND LEARNED A FEW THINGS.

I CANNOT COUNT HOW MANY TIMES I'VE SEEN THAT ATTITUDE.

AND YET THEY ARE AS THEY EVER WERE

THAT THEY WILL CAUSE ANOTHER PROBLEM THAT SOILS THE LEGACY OF OUR BASEBALL TEAM?

SO YOU WANT TO DISBAND THEM?

.....

STILL WORRIED?

THAT YOU WANTED TO PRESERVE THAT SHINING MOMENT FOREVER

THAT YOU DIDN'T WANT THEM TO HARM THE GLORY OF OUR TEAM ANY MORE

I UNDER-STOOD.

CAPTAIN MURAYAMA.

THAT YOU WANTED TO BURY THE TEAM BY YOUR OWN HAND.

THE HAND THAT LED OUR BASEBALL TEAM TO A KOSHIEN APPEARANCE...

WHY COULDN'T I HAVE SPOKEN GRANDLY OF DREAMS, AS HE DID...?

WHY COULDN'T I FACE THEM HEAD-ON, LIKE HE DID...?

I WAS...

A FOOL.

I BE... LIKE KAWATO-KUN...

WHY... COULDN'T...

WHY...

THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE.

WE LOST, BUT WE WON!

IT'S *LIKE* WE WON!

IT WAS A GOOD FIGHT YOU PUT UP, TODAY!

RACE YA TO THE CLUB-HOUSE!

CAN YOU GUYS KEEP UP WITH ME?!

DASH!!

NIKO-GAKU GOOOO!!

GOOOO!

HERE WE GO!

UNDERSTAND?! WE'RE GOING TO START ANEW TOMORROW, AND WE'LL BE SHOOTING FOR THE KOSHIEN THIS TIME!

LOOK AT YOU RUNNIN' ALL BY YOUR-SELF!

GO TO HELL!

THE HELL WE ARE, JACK-ASS!

C'MON YOU GUYS, COME RACE ME!

GYA-HAHA-HAHA!

7三子玉川学園 熱狂!!(完)

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